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Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board, Kalaburagi

Kalyana Karnataka Utsava

17th September 2025

Shri D.K.Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
Government of Karnataka

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INR **350.4** Crores — **Udyoga Aavishkara**

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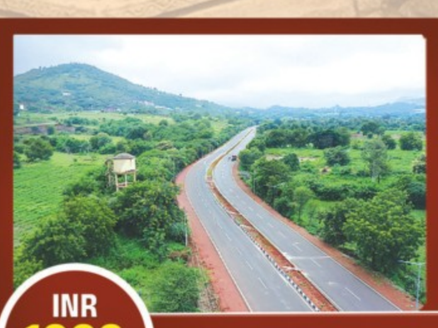

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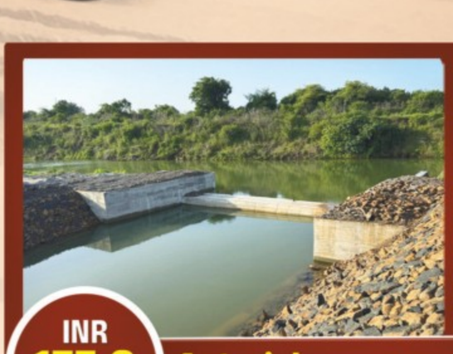

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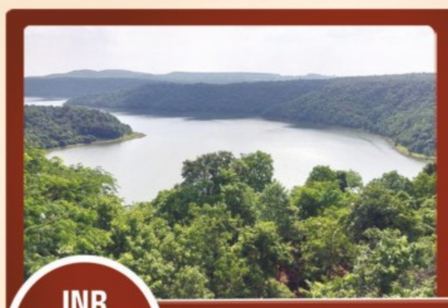

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INR **11.47** Crores — **Kalyana Karnataka Heartline**

Approx. INR 8785 crores has been allocated for infrastructure development under various micro and macro schemes.

A photograph of the Hon. Chief Minister Sri Siddaramaiah, Hon. Minister for Planning, Programme Monitoring & Statistics Sri D. Sudhakar, and Hon. Chairman KKRDB Dr. Ajay Dharam Singh, taken during the official review meeting on the developmental initiatives of the Kalyana Karnataka Region.

Paying Homage to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, The Unifier of India.

Venue: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Statue, Kalaburagi

Date and Time: September 17, 2025 | 8:30 am

Flag Hoisting Ceremony

Venue: Police Parade Ground, Kalaburagi

Date and Time: September 17, 2025 | 9:00 am

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BENGALURU

After nearly two years of lull, the pay-and-park system has resumed on M.G. Road in Central Bengaluru. The charges are ₹15 per hour for two-wheelers and ₹30 per hour for four-wheelers. » PAGE 2

UKP-III: Cabinet nod for land acquisition

BENGALURU

The Cabinet on Tuesday, gave clearance for the acquisition of 1,33,867 lakh acres in one go through "consent award or direct purchase" from farmers for Upper Krishna Project (UKP) phase-3. » PAGE 4

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13 dead as torrential rain, flash floods hit Dehradun

Swollen rivers and 192-mm rainfall in Sahastradhara wash away houses and hotels; eight people on a tractor swept away; IMD issues red alert; Uttarakhand CM tells officials to step up relief efforts

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

At least 13 people were killed and 16 have been missing after overnight torrential rain and flash floods wreaked havoc in Dehradun and surrounding areas in Uttarakhand on Tuesday.

Heavy rain battered the Sahastradhara area, a tourist spot in Dehradun. Shops, small hotels and homes in the market area were washed away or heavily damaged. Tapkeshwar, a Shiva temple, was submerged. The India Meteorological Department, Dehradun, issued a red alert on Tuesday.

According to the district administration, Sahastradhara received 192 mm of rainfall within five to six hours, while 141 mm was recorded in the Mal Devta area. The Jolly Grant airport, Mussoorie, and Hathibarkala got more than 90 mm of rainfall during the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday.

Great destruction: A screen grab from a video of the devastation following heavy rain in Dehradun on Tuesday. PTI

Dehradun District Magistrate Savin Bansal said that of the 13 victims, eight were passengers of a tractor trolley that was stuck in the Tons river near Vikas Nagar. Till Tuesday evening, three persons were critically injured in rain-related incidents. Agencies rescued more than 500 people and the rain left more than 23 roads blocked, and bridges damaged.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, who rode an earthmover and inspected the damage, directed officials to step up relief efforts. A communique from the State government said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah had offered full help in the rescue operations.

An official involved in the efforts said, "Teams are working to evacuate 500 students trapped in the Dev Bhoomi Institute in Paundha. Six people were rescued from Heritage Hotel in Mussoorie. Around 10-15 people stuck at Little Heaven Hotel in Mussoorie were safely evacuated."

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Israel is committing genocide in Gaza, says UN commission

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

United Nations investigators on Tuesday concluded that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza in a bid to "destroy the Palestinians", accusing Israel's Prime Minister and other top officials of incitement.

The UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry, which does not speak on behalf of the world body, found that "genocide is occurring in Gaza", commission chief Navi Pillay said. "The responsibility lies with the State of Israel." The report, immediately slammed by Israel, marks the first time a UN-mandated investigative body has concluded the country is committing genocide.

Israel has since the start of the war in Gaza faced genocide accusations from NGOs and independent UN experts. Ms. Pillay said she believed the facts presented by the commission should prompt "high-level leaders at the UN also to call this what it is, the genocide".

Israel "categorically" rejected the report, with the Foreign Ministry describing it as "distorted and false" and calling "for the immediate abolition of this Commission of Inquiry".

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Many flee as Israel launches ground offensive in Gaza

JERUSALEM

The Israeli military began its ground offensive in Gaza on Tuesday, closing in on the Palestinian territory's largest city in another escalation in the war. Meanwhile, thousands of people began moving out of the city. » PAGE 12

India, U.S. to push for early conclusion of a trade deal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India and the U.S. on Tuesday held "positive and forward looking" discussions here on the proposed Bilateral Trade Agreement between the two countries, the Commerce and Industry Ministry said.

The Ministry added that the two sides decided to "intensify efforts" towards an early conclusion of a "mutually beneficial" trade agreement.

A team of officials from the office of the United States Trade Representative, led by Brendan Lynch, the chief U.S. negotiator, held discussions with the Indian side, led by Rajesh Agrawal, Special Secretary in the Department of Commerce.

The meeting lasted for about seven hours.

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Miss Grand Swiss a Candidate for greater glory

Being the elder sibling of Praggnanandhaa is not easy and for someone who prefers to keep a low profile, the Samarkand triumph couldn't have come at a better time; she should use this as a springboard to vie for world crowns

C. Shyam Sundar

R. Vaishali is someone who enjoys flying under the radar. The elder sibling of R. Praggnanandhaa won the FIDE Grand Swiss for a second time and booked a spot in next year's Candidates tournament after a modest run in the lead-up to the prestigious event in Samarkand (Uzbekistan).

Rough patch

A few weeks before the big event, she competed in the Challengers section of the Chennai Grandmasters tournament and finished with 1.5 points from nine rounds.

Before that, she lost in the quarterfinals of the women's World Cup to Tan Zhongyi, fifth out of six at the Norway chess tournament, fourth in the Austria Grand Prix, sixth in the Pune Grand Prix, and ninth in the Tata Steel Challengers tournament. Hardly the right preparation heading into a strong competition like the Grand Swiss.

However, the 24-year-old Chennai girl rose like a phoenix in the Uzbek city. She found her bearings and overcame a morale-shattering defeat at the hands of Kazakhstan's Bibisara Assaubayeva to emerge a deserving champion. In the Candidates, Vaishali will be playing alongside the young World Cup winner Divya Deshmukh and the experienced Koneru Humpy.

For someone who was introduced to chess at the age of six to keep her away from watching cartoons on television, it has been a memorable journey. Vaishali took to the 64 squares like a duck to water.

Though her younger brother has accomplished more, there's no doubt that she has carved a niche for herself. That Vaishali is only the third woman from India to become a Grandmaster speaks volumes of her skill and temperament.

Proud brother

"So proud of you, *akka* (sister)! Winning the FIDE Grand Swiss is such an incredible achievement. The confidence and determination you've shown throughout the tournament has been truly inspiring. Big congratulations on this amazing victory!" posted Praggnanandhaa on X (formerly Twitter) after his sister finished on top.

The two share a close bond and often travel with their mother to tournaments in India and abroad. Last year, they became the first brother-sister duo to feature in the Candidates. They seem to feed off each other's success.

The Grand Swiss triumph should spur Vaishali on in her ultimate dream: the World championship title. Having experienced the pressures of playing in the Candidates, Vaishali will definitely be better prepared this time.

"A lot of experience in the last two years and many tough tournaments helped me get stronger... the Candidate, for example, where I lost four games in a row. I believe those important moments helped me get better and stronger, both as a player and as a person," she told the broadcasters after pipping Katernya Lagno for the title in Samarkand.

Vaishali is, without doubt, a stronger player now and has been able to soak in the pressure and deliver in crunch situations. She was one of the key performers in India's gold medal-winning performance in the Olympiad in Budapest last year. "The Grand Swiss victory in 2023 came at the right moment. I didn't play well for a long time, made my final GM-norm, and went on to get a fourth GM-norm during the event. A lot of things fell into place in the 2023 tournament and it completely changed my year," she said after defending her Grand Swiss crown.

"This year, again, things were not going my way even though I was working very hard... somehow the results were not coming. I dropped a lot of rating points and this win is very crucial going forward," she added.

Fighting spirit

Vaishali has time and again shown an uncanny ability to fight back from adverse situations. In the 2024 Toronto Candidates, she found herself in a rut, losing four straight matches, but hit back strongly with five wins on the bounce to take the joint second spot along with Koneru Humpy and China's Lei Tingjie.

Her greatest trait is that she is quietly confident, knowing she can raise her game when the going gets tough.

"In my previous tournament (Chennai Grandmasters), I lost seven games, I lost one week in a row. I don't know if that's a good thing or a bad thing. Then when I win, I am unstoppable," Vaishali said. And she was indeed unstoppable in Samarkand, with only Assaubayeva pinning her down in the eighth round.

"Actually, when I lost to Bibisara (Assaubayeva of Kazakhstan), I was happy I did not collapse. I drew the next game and kind of settled in," she said, revealing her mental state.

A Chess Gurukul product

Emerging from Chess Gurukul run by R.B. Ramesh, one of the country's top coaches who also trains Praggnanandhaa and Karthikeyan Murali among others, Vaishali will look to get sharper and aim higher. Her opponents, too, will be wary of her as she has proved she can be ruthless.

Having done course correction after her woes in the Chennai Grandmasters tournament and reaching the pinnacle in a field that needed her to be at her best, Vaishali will be brimming with confidence for the challenges ahead. But for now, it's her time in the sun.

SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

THE GIST

- The Grand Swiss triumph should spur Vaishali on in her quest for bigger deeds. Having experienced the pressures of playing in the Candidates, she will be better prepared this time
- She will be brimming with confidence considering the quality of the field she faced at Samarkand
- For now, it's the soft-spoken 24-year-old's time in the sun

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I, Margaret Selvakumari Christian, wife of V Sanjeeva Rao, Age 72, Add: 231,1st D Cross, 3rd Main, HRBR 3rd Block, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore 560084, have changed my name from Margaret Selvakumari Christian to C.Margaret via Affidavit Unique No: SUBINKAKAGCSL080237001587 4362X dated 16/09/2025 before Notary YR Chandrasekar.

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Sealed / Online tenders are invited from reputed and experienced suppliers, manufacturers or authorized distributors for the **supply, installation and commissioning of equipment, tools and consumable items for setting up AICTE-IDEA Lab at SCSVMV, Kanchipuram.**

Detailed specifications of equipment, terms and conditions for submission of tenders are available on the University website: **www.kanchiuniv.ac.in/scsvmv-aicte-idea-lab/**

Last date for tender submission 01.10.2025 (05.00 PM)

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Last Date for Tender submission : **30-09-2025**

GOVERNMENT KARNATAKA

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MANGALURU DIVISION MANGALURU

Ref :-PWD:MD:JE-2:TND(23E):2025-26 Dated: 15.09.2025

SHORTERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Divn. Mangaluru Inviting Tender under K.P.P Portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in from eligible Tenderers in accordance with KTPP Act Indent No : 25612, 25614, 25615, 25616, 25617, 25618, 25619, 25620, 25621, 27632, 27633, 27634, 27635, 27636, 27637 under the Head of Account: 5054-04-337-0-01-154 Major District Road Improvements. **The Last date for receipt of tender: 26.09.2025 upto 16.00 Hours.**

In the above work lowest cost of estimate is Rs. 40.00 Lakhs & highest cost of estimate is Rs. 100.00 Lakhs. Inviting tender as per standard tender document KW-2& KW-3. Any change in dates of events and value of amount put to tender and EMD amount etc can been seen from KPP-portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

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Notice Inviting Bid No. 07.08 & 09/2024-25
Corrigendum No.06

Due to unavoidable circumstances bid submission date of this office NIT no. 07/2024-25, 08/2024-25 & 09/2024-25 has extended and last date of submission has been made as **date 27.10.2025**. Other terms and conditions will reamin as per Tender Document.

UBN No. : NIT 07/2024-25; PHE2425WLOB07196 (NIB Code : PHE2425A3393)
NIT 08/2024-25; PHE2425WLOB07199 (NIB Code : PHE2425A3394)
NIT 09/2024-25; PHE2425WLOB07201 (NIB Code : PHE2425A3395)

(Surendra Sharma)
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Ref.No: VTU/BGM/RE/2025-26/IFT No.81/2950 Date: 15-09-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) - (Through E-Procurement Only)

As per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act - 1999 & Rule 2000, The Registrar, V.T.U., Belagavi invite tender through e-Procurement basis from eligible tenderers, registered in Labour Department and Other Concerned Department for the Work of **Providing Catering Services at Hostel Mess of VTU Centre for P.G. Studies, "Jnana Sangama", Belagavi. Average Annual Amount of Rs. 4,75,71,541/- (Excluding GST).** Other details log on to Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on 15-09-2025.**

Sd/- Registrar
VTU, Belagavi

DIPR/Belagavi/1029/Adverto/2025-26

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CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

E-TENDER / SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

KPCL invites tenders through KPP portal website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

1) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3456 Date: 09.09.2025 Retrofitting of 24 Nos. BAPCON controllers by latest version of microprocessor based controller and providing PC Based Integrated Operating System in any one of Unit- 5 to 7 ESP system. **EMD: Rs.1,40,740/-.** Last date for submission of bid (both Cover 1 & 2): **24.09.2025 up to 16.30 Hrs.**

2) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3447 Date: 08.09.2025 Supply, Replacement, Erection and Commissioning of condenser water pipeline for Unit-7 HVAC system. **EMD: Rs.38,100/-.** Last date for submission of bid (both Cover 1 & 2): **23.09.2025 up to 17.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from **Executive Engineer (LT-2)**, Mobile: 94495 96531. E-mail: eelt2rtps@gmail.com

3) KPCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3441 Date: 06.09.2025 Improvement works to existing Railway Running room near YM office in Marshaling Yard area at RTPS (Phase-2). **Amount put to tender: Rs.25.42 Lakhs.**

4) KPCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3451 Date: 08.09.2025 Providing RCC Approach roads in CHP area at RTPS. **Amount put to tender: Rs.25.43 Lakhs.**

5) KPCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3455 Date: 08.09.2025 Screening of existing Ballast and Squaring of Sleepers in Railway Tracks in Marshaling yard area. **Amount put to tender: Rs.45.34 Lakhs.** Class of contractor (Sl. No. 3, 4 & 5) **Valid Class-III and above Contractors registered in KPWD.**

6) KPCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3444 Date: 06.09.2025 Providing drinking water supply pipeline and water coolers in CHP area. **Amount put to tender: Rs.10.60 Lakhs.**

7) KPCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3454 Date: 08.09.2025 Strengthening of Wagon Tippler No. 1 & 3 in haul side concrete structures in Marshaling yard area. **Amount put to tender: Rs.10.60 Lakhs.**

8) KPCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3448 Date: 08.09.2025 Replacement of existing ST sleepers with 60 Kg PSC sleepers for Railway track No. 10 B in Marshaling yard area. **Amount put to tender: Rs.13.56 Lakhs.** Class of contractor (Sl. No. 6, 7 & 8) **Valid Class-IV and above Contractors registered in KPWD.** Further details can be had from **Executive Engineer (RTM)**, Mobile: 94806 82533.

9) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3465 Date: 10.09.2025 Complete Rewinding/ Repair/Rectification of 6.6KV, 700KW, Siemens make HT Motor at CHPE-1 of RTPS site. **EMD: Rs.50,000/-.** Last date for receipt of tender: **24.09.2025.** Further details can be had from **Executive Engineer (CHP)E1,** RTPS, KPCL, Shakstinagar - 584170.

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No.: HUDA/ADM/FD/2025-26/378 Date: 15-9-2025

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
e-Auction - for Investment of Surplus Funds in Short Term Bank Fixed Deposits (From Nationalised Bank, Public Sector & Private Sector Banks only) (Through e-Procurement Portal of GoK)
https://www.kppp.karnataka gov.in
Number : HAVUDA/2025-26/AUCTION3

Sl. No.	Particulars	Tender No.	Estimated Cost (In Cr.)
1	Surplus Fund	Number: HAVUDA/2025-26/AUCTION3	13.45

1. Tender document may be downloaded from KPPP Portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from **15-09-2025**
2. Last Date for queries on or before **22-09-2025 @ 05.00 pm.**
3. Date and Time to confirm Participation of Interest in Auction: on 26-09-2025 up to 5.00 pm
4. Start Date and Time of Evaluation : **Date: 30-09-2025 @ 10.00 AM.**
5. Date and Time of live auction Date : **6-10-2025 Time : 10.00 AM to 04.00 PM**

ಟಿಪ್ಪಣಿ : 1) ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡದೇ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ / ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸುವ / ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿರಾಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. 2) ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಬದಲಾಗಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

Further information may be obtained from above office and from www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- **COMMISSIONER**
Haveri Urban Development Authority, Haveri

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited
(A Joint Venture of GoI & GoK)
e-mail: pdadvt@bmrc.co.in **Website:** www.bmrc.co.in **Ph:** 080-22969274, 22969280

Date: 16.09.2025

RFP NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Managing Director, BMRCL invites open e-tenders from eligible applicants, who fulfill the prescribed eligibility cum qualification criteria (EQC) for the following Outdoor Advertisements in BMRCL Network;

Sl. No.	Tender Name	RFP Notification	Bid Security	Date for submission of Bids	Date & Time of Opening of Bids
1	Request for Proposal for Grant of Concession to Design, Develop, Operate, and Maintain Advertisements on Selected Piers & Portals of Purple, Green, Yellow, Pink & Blue Corridors of the BMRCL Network.	BMRCL/PD/ ADVT/PIERS & PORTALS/ 2025-26/06 Dated: 17.09.2025	INR 1.30 crores	17.09.2025 to 23.10.2025	24.10.2025 at 17:30 Hrs

For more details, visit our e-tendering portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **17.09.2025.** The Request for Proposal (RFP) will also be available in our website: **www.bmrc.co.in.**

Sd/- Director (Finance)

ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ನಂ:ದಾಮಪಾ:ಕಾಅ1.ಇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್:29:2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:12–09–2025

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ಅಮೃತ್ 2.0 ನಿಧಿ–07 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು, ಒಟ್ಟು 7 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಿಂಗಲ್/ಡಬಲ್ ಕವರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ಏಜನ್ಸಿದಾರರು/ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ www.davanagerecity.mrc.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: +91–8046010000 +91–8068948777 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ, ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಗಮನಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂ 01 ರಿಂದ 07 ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ : ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 18–09–2025 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 04–10–2025 ಸಮಯ : 16.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ : 04–10–2025 ಸಮಯ : 17.00 ಟೆಂಡರ್/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 06–10–2025 ಸಮಯ : 17.05

ವಾಸಾಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/353/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ

RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(YERMARUS THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U40101KA2009PLC049582

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

RPCL, invites bids from reputed agencies for the following e-tenders for YTPS., **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

(1) KPCL/2025-26/IND2004, Dated: 10.09.2025, Procurement of V-belts for YTPS on ARC basis for two years. **(2) KPCL/2025-26/IND1950, Dated: 08.09.2025,** Procurement of high pressure valves. Last Date & Time for Bid submission : **25.09.2025, 16:00 hrs. (3) KPCL/2025-26/IND2005, Dated: 10.09.2025,** Procurement of ILMS spares. **(4) KPCL/2025-26/IND2008, Dated: 10.09.2025,** Procurement of Different types of valves for Generator seal oil. Last Date & Time for Bid submission : **24.09.2025, 16:00 hrs. (5) KPCL/2025-26/IND2003, Dated: 08.09.2025,** Procurement of Anti vibration pads, synthetic pads and L-25 coupling & spider. **(6) KPCL/2025-26/IND2002, Dated: 06.09.2025,** Procurement of IDCT cell spares for YTPS. Last Date & Time for Bid submission : **23.09.2025, 16:00 hrs. (7) KPCL/2025-26/IND2010, Dated: 09.09.2025,** Procurement of 2000MM WIDTH RBF BELT. **(8) KPCL/2025-26/IND1995, Dated: 08.09.2025,** Procurement of static and insert seals of various size of dome valves. Last Date & Time for Bid submission : **22.09.2025, 16:00 hrs.** Last Date of receipt of Tender : **03.10.2025.** Further details can be had from **the Executive Engineer** (MSP), RPCL, YTPS, Yermarus-584 134, Raichur, **Mobile: 9480682892, e-mail: eemsprpcl@gmail.com, support@eprocheldesk.com, www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

(1) KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3440, Dated: 06.09.2025, RPCL-2X800MW YTPS-Repair/ Reconditioning/Rewinding of failed single phase M/s. BHEL make, Single Phase, 50Hz, 315 MVA, 27/420/√3 kV, YNd11, ONAN/ONAF/OFAF cooled Generator Transformer bearing Sl.No. 6007070, retaining existing Core and tank, including to and for Transportation, Delivery, Assembly, Erection, Testing and Commissioning at YTPS complete. Office of **the Executive Engineer** (E-1), RPCL-YTPS, Yeramarus-584134, **Mobile: 9480682551.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner Sri. D R Venkatesh son of Late Dr. D Rama Rao. The Owner represent that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and apart from her there are no other person/s, having any right, title or claim over the Schedule Property and the Schedule Property is not mortgaged, or encumbered in any manner. The Owner represent that he has not entered into any MoU, Agreement of Sale or any sort of arrangement with any other person/s, with respect to the Schedule Property or part thereof. If any person/s having objection/s or claims may with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claims within 7 (Seven) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Property bearing No. 4-68 (Old No. 68 and Older No.4) bearing E-PID No.8084105051, old PID No.49-62-68, measuring East to West: 74 Feet 6 Inch; North to South: 42 Feet, in all measuring 3,129 Sq. Feet, situated at Ranga Rao Road, Shankarapuram, Bangalore – 560004 together with residential building conisiting of ground floor measuring 1129 Sq. Feet and bounded on the: -

East by : Sri. C. Srikantaiah's Residence
West by : Ranga Rao Road
North by : Dr Krishnaswamy Rao's House (Old No 5 New No. 67)
South by : Sri. T B Ravinath's House (Old No. 3 New No. 69).

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Bangalore Date: 17-09-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that my clients **Mr. Dr. M. PERUMALL S/o Y. MANICKYA, (SINGAPORE NRIC No S1222334Z)** aged about 82 years, **Mrs. P. KAMALLA W/o Dr. M. PERUMALL, (SINGAPORE NRIC No S2166419G),** Wife of **DR. M. PERUMALL,** aged about 84 years, both are presently residing in Singapore and having permanent address at Block 211B Punggol Walk, # 10-643, Singapore 822211, (**'Owners'**) are the sole and absolute owners of the immovable property being a residential apartment unit bearing **Flat No. 111 on the 1st floor, having a saleable area of 1400sq.ft., comprised in 'B' block of the multi-storied residential apartment complex *viz.* "NATASHA GOLF VIEW", presently coming within the jurisdictional limits of the Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and situated at 2, New Ring Road, Domlur, Bangalore-560071,** situated at 2, New Ring Road, Domlur, Bangalore-560071 (**'Property'**).

The following original document in connection with the Property (**'SALE DEED'**) have been lost/misplaced by the Owners.

1. Sale Deed dated 09 March 1998, registered as Document No. 2893/1997-98, in Book I, Volume 4072, at pages 81 to 88, at the Office of the Sub-Registrar Shivajinagar, Bangalore, executed by M/s. Wall Street Construction Limited in favour of Mr. Dr. M. Perumall S/o Y. Manickya and Mrs. P. Kamala with respect to the immovable property being a residential apartment unit bearing Flat No. 111 on the 1st floor, having a saleable area of 1400sq.ft., comprised in 'B' block of the multi-storied residential apartment complex *viz.* "NATASHA GOLF VIEW".

Despite best efforts, the Owners are unable to trace the aforementioned Original Document for which a Police Complaint intimating the loss of the Original Document (**'SALE DEED'**) has been filed with Bengaluru City Police Station, *vide* Lost Report No. 1784802/2025 dated 04/09/2025.

Members of the public are hereby notified that in the event any person/s has/have found/ discovered/ is in custody of the Original Document, such person/s is/are hereby requested to return the said Original Document to the undersigned, at the below mentioned address.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 16th September 2025

Prasanna. S, Advocate,
LAW CHAMBERS OF PRASANNA SWAMINATHAN
109, Level-1, Prestige Centre Point, Cunningham Road, Bangalore – 560 051.
Phone: +91 99860 95950
Email: prasannaswaminathan91@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, BELLARY
Office of the Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Bellary.

No. EE/PRED/BLY/AE-1/Various Heads/2025-26/948 Dt. 09-09-2025.

Tender Notification (Through KPPP Portal only)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka tenders are invited from the eligible contractors who have enrolled in Panchayath Raj Engineering Department for 02 works comprising of approved Building works under 2024-25 KKRDB and 2024-25 CM Spl Grant through KPPP portal.

Indent No.
1.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT18602
2.RDPR/2025-26/ BD/ WORK_ INDENT18794

Contractors are required to submit the tender before 23-09-2025 at 4.30 PM by uploading the relevant documents through KPPP portal website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in by downloading the formats for submission of tenders from 09-09-2025 to 23-09-2025 at 4.30 PM. Tenders will be opened through KPPP portal on 24-09-2025 at 17.30 PM. Any changes in the notification will be published KPPP website only. Accepting/rejection of tenders without assigning reason is reserved. Any details can be obtained in person at the office or through telephone No. 08392-266173.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Ballari

DIPR/Ballari/452/KSMCA/2025-26

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
ESTATE OFFICE, GKVK, BENGALURU-560 065

NO.EO/TN/12/2025-26 DATED : 11-9-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited through e-procurement from the Registered Experienced and Qualified Chartered Accountants as per Standard Tender Document KC5 in Two cover system for **(1) Auditing the accounts of all projects/schemes sponsored by various Agencies (2) e-filling of TDS of UAS(B) account (Salary Section, Works, Contingency and Budget Section) at UAS, GKVK, Bangalore for a period 2 Years.** The details of the notification, schedule, specifications are available in the website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. The cost of tender document is as per e-procurement portal. The EMD of Rs.1,00,000/- each has to be paid in the e-procurement portal using e-procurement payment modes.

The two cover system consists of technical proposal and financial proposal. The Firm should upload the following documents to become eligible: 1) Firm Registration Certificate; 2) GST Certificate, 3) General experience; 4) Similar nature of work done certificate; 5) Turnover statement of last 3 years; 6) Manpower details of the firm.

The Pre-bid meeting will be held on **22-9-2025 at 10.30 AM.** Blank Tender Documents can be downloaded from **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. Last date and time for uploading the tender through e-procurement is **24.9.2025 up to 4.00 p.m.** The Technical bid will be opened on **26.9.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** Financial bid will be opened on **29.9.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** For more details please contact e-portal help desk at **support@eprochelpdesk.com** or **8046010000/ 8068948777** on working days and this office during working hour, Phone No.080-23332765.

Sd/-
Estate Officer

DIPR/CP/2823/AKAR/2025-26

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-3, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560052.

No. DGM-3/BSWML/Tend/10/2025-26 Date: 16.09.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Only through GOK KPP Portal Only)

The Tender documents can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website**(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** on payment of prescribed fee noted against each item of work (non-refundable) in the form of e-Payment through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. The Bidder shall submit the bid through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal.

Sl. No.	Name of the works	Estimated amount Rs.in lakhs	EMD (in Rupees)
1	Shifting of Inerts from KCDC processing plant to Designated Landfill.	499.00	Rs.1.00 Lakh through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.6,48,500/- by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/Scheduled Bank
2	Shifting of Inerts from Chikka nagamangala processing plant to Designated Landfill	499.00	Rs.1.00 Lakh through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.6,48,500/- by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/Scheduled Bank
Stipulated Period of Service Contract : **06 Months**			

CALENDER OF EVENTS: 1. Date of Pre bid meeting: **19.09.2025 at 15:00 hours** in office of the Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (Tech), BSWML, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560052. **2.** Last date of submission of Bids in KPP Portal: **25.09.2025 before 16:00 hours. 3.** The Technical Bid opening date in KPP Portal: **26.09.2025 after 16:30 hours.** Any Addendum/Corrigendum shall be published in the KPP Portal only.

DIPR/CP/2836/NR/2025-26

Sd/- Deputy General Manager-3, BSWML

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
M.I & G.W.D.D. DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR

No.EE/MID/VJP/AE-1/4702/TND/2025-26/2048 Date: 16.09.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department, Division Vijaypur invites work tenders through "E-Procurement" from eligible contractor on item rate Tender for following works as per KTPP Act-2000 and latest amendments.

4702 Major Works :- 1) Providing New Gates to Bhuyyar Bridge-Cum-Barrage across Bhima River in Indi Taluka of Vijayapur District**(3rd Call), Est. Cost Rs.242.10 Lakhs**, EMD **Rs.3,63,500-00, 2)**Construction of Tail Channel for Rajanal M.I.Tank in Indi Taluka of Vijayapur District**(Reserved for Category-2A Contractor)(2nd Call), Est. Cost Rs.80.71 Lakhs**, EMD **Rs.81,000-00, 3)**Improvements to Hikkanagutti Tank in Sindagi Taluka of Vijayapur District**(Reserved for ST Contractor), Est. Cost Rs.13.00 Lakhs**, EMD **Rs.16,500-00, Tender Period for the above Sl.No.1 & 2 works are Six(6) Months including monsoon & Sl.No.3 work is Three(3) Months including monsoon.**

Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka E-Procurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home under login for Contractors from **18.09.2025.** Tenders may be submitted on electronically in E-Procurement portal up to **17-30 hrs.** on **26.09.2025.** Interested contractors information regarding works may be obtained from this office or e-Procurement helpdesk (Ph.No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227) upto **17-30 hrs.** on **25.09.2025.** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **23.09.2025** for work costing above 1.00Crore in the office of the Executive Engineer, MI&GWDD Division, Vijaypur. Tenders shall be quoted without adding GST and other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
MI & GWDD Division, Vijayapur

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Paid parking resumes on M.G. Road

While many do not oppose the concept, they are dismayed by the steep pricing and have called it poorly thought out

Chetan B.C.
BENGALURU

After nearly two years of lull, the pay-and-park system has resumed on M.G. Road in Central Bengaluru.

A private agency, S.K. Infotech, has been contracted to collect parking fees between Mayo Hall Signal and the LIC Building, covering a stretch of nearly one km. The charges are ₹15 per hour for two-wheelers and ₹30 per hour for four-wheelers. Motorists must pay the same amount for every additional hour. For instance, two hours of parking costs ₹30 for two-wheelers and ₹60 for four-wheelers.

However, commercial establishments and employees working in the Central Business District (CBD) are unhappy with the pricing.

TENDER NO.: JC/E/TEND/07/2024-25
ಜಂ.ಮಿ.ನಿ. ಜೆ & ಪಾರ್ಕ್
B.C.C.C. PAY & PARK
LICENSEE : S.K. INFOTECH
TWO WHEELER Rs. 15/- Per hour
FOUR WHEELER Rs. 30/- Per hour
WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR BELONGINGS
M.G.ROAD (MAYO HALL SIGNAL TO LIC BUILDING)
A private agency, S.K. Infotech, has been contracted to collect parking fees between Mayo Hall Signal and the LIC Building, covering a stretch of nearly one km. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Employees of private companies in the area, who had been using free parking for the past year, said it would burden them financially. "There are hardly any affordable parking options in the CBD. Paying ₹15 extra per hour for a two-wheeler is excessive," said Navya R., a regular commuter who parks her vehicle on M.G. Road. "I work nine hours a day, which means I would end up paying nearly ₹130 every day, about ₹4,000 a month, just for parking," she lamented.

While many do not oppose the concept of paid parking, they are dismayed by the steep pricing, calling it poorly thought out. "This stretch had been plagued by haphazard parking and worsening traffic congestion. Paid parking is necessary, but the way it's been planned is flawed," a motorist remarked.

Although M.G. Road has designated spaces for two-wheelers and cars, disorganised parking has often created chaos.

A senior official in the City Central Corporation confirmed to *The Hindu* that the contract was awarded to the agency and the system has been operational since Friday (September 12).

An SK Infotech representative told *The Hindu* that the paid parking system operates from 8.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. "We are authorised to clamp vehicles that fail to pay. At present, eight staff members are deployed to collect fees," he said.

The civic body is likely to extend the paid parking model to several other roads in the CBD by contracting additional private agencies.

'Previous failures'

Suhail Yousuf, secretary of the Brigade Road Shops and Establishments Association, criticised the initiative, calling it a "money-making mafia."

"They should have implemented an automated system instead of involving contractors, especially after the failures of the previous one," he said, adding that paid parking is necessary but should not involve middlemen.

In 2020, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had outsourced parking fee collection to a private agency, but the agreement was terminated after the contractor defaulted on payments to the civic body.

Central City Commissioner bats for weekly walkathon in Gandhi Bazaar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As part of community engagement, Central City Corporation Commissioner P. Rajendra Cholan has proposed weekly walkathons involving residents and students, along with monthly cultural events, by restricting vehicular movement on Gandhi Bazaar Road.

Mr. Cholan inspected Gandhi Bazaar on Tuesday and ordered the removal of encroachments from footpaths, creating pedestrian-friendly walkways, eliminating accident-prone black spots, clearing unauthorised overhead cables, and planting saplings along pathways to improve greenery. He urged officials to raise awareness among traders on scientific waste management and to earmark specific zones for street vendors.

Mr. Cholan pointed out that designated vending spaces had already been identified on Gandhi Bazaar Road. Vendors are required to limit their operations to these designated stretches, failing which they will face strict action. He further instructed officials to ensure pedestrian pathways are kept free of parked vehicles.

Highlighting infrastructure readiness, Mr. Cholan noted that the multi-level car parking facility built under the Smart City project at Gandhi Bazaar is now complete. The structure, which includes 50 commercial shops and space for 124 vehicles, is equipped with modern amenities. Preparations for its inauguration will begin shortly, he added.

He directed officials to prepare a comprehensive feasibility report for transforming Sunkenahalli Ward into a model ward.

Well done!

Three cheers: City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh felicitating police personnel, HAL security staff, traffic police, and Fire and Emergency Services personnel by issuing certificates of appreciation for their quick action in rescuing passengers of a BMTC bus that caught fire on Monday.

Ex-CFO of gaming company booked for allegedly misusing over ₹270 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Marathahalli police have registered an FIR against the former Chief Financial Officer of city-based Gameskraft Technologies for allegedly misusing the company's funds for personal equity and derivatives trading to the tune of more than ₹270 crore over the past four years.

Based on the complaint filed by Gulshan Yadav, assistant vice-president, the police recently registered a case charging the accused, identified as Ramesh Prabhu, under Sections 316 , 318, 335, 344, and 336 of BNS.

A senior police officer said that considering the magnitude of the case, it will be transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department for a detailed probe. The accused is presently absconding, and the police are expected to issue a lookout circular against him.

According to the complaint, the incident came to light on March 5 this year when the accused, through an email addressed to the complainant company, voluntarily admitted that over the past three to four years, he had misused company funds for personal equity and derivatives trading. He further stated that the total loss from such Equity F&O Trading as per his estimates exceeded ₹250 crore.

Based on the email confession, the company carried out a comprehensive fact-finding review and found that the accused had executed unauthorised financial transactions and were wrongly recorded as investments in the company's books of accounts.

The company was required to write off ₹270.43 crore in its financial statement for the financial year 2024-25. The company discovered that these transactions were carried out in an unauthorised and unilateral manner, the complaint stated.

Six injured in accidental fire at house in Electronics City

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BENGALURU

At least six persons from two families sustained burn injuries, and two motorcycles parked on the ground floor were damaged in an accidental fire that broke out at a three-storeyed residential house in Krishna Layout of Electronics City in the early hours of Tuesday.

The police suspect that the fire broke out in the electricity meter board due to a suspected electrical short circuit. Passers-by noticed the fire and alerted the Hoysala patrolling vehicle, which joined the rescue operation.

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According to the Electronics City police, four persons staying on the ground floor were stuck inside due to the smoke and came out later. The injured were shifted to the hospital. Among the victims, Sheela, 44, sustained severe burn injuries and is being treated at the ICU in Victoria Hospital. The other victims, namely Gopi, 49, Abhishek, 18, Ramya, 28, sustained minor injuries.

Two more people staying on the third floor were rescued with minor injuries and are being treated at the hospital, the police said.

The exact cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained, the police said.

Two farmers injured in bear attack

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two farmers suffered serious injuries after they were attacked by a wild bear in Gurukulanagenahalli village in Chickballapur district.

They were attacked while working in an agricultural field on Tuesday morning.

While one of them was attacked on the face, the other suffered injuries on his hand. They were admitted to the government hospital in Chickballapur, where they are currently undergoing treatment.

Forest Department officials said that the patch of farmland where the two were working is surrounded by forests and that it is frequented by bears.

"This place is sparsely populated and is close to the forest area. It is common for bears to be sighted in this vicinity," said an official.

Woman dies as car falls into tank in Shivamogga

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

A woman died and two others suffered injuries when a car fell into Chippigara Tank near Hosanagar in Shivamogga district on Tuesday.

The deceased has been identified as Parvathamma, 65, of Tyagarthi in Sagar taluk. Two others suffered serious injuries. They were returning to Tyagarthi after a visit to Jenukallamma Devi Temple at Ammanaghatta.

The driver lost control over the vehicle while negotiating a curve and the car fell into the tank. Passers-by rescued them.

Delivery executive arrested for stealing branded watches from showroom

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The theft came to light during an audit. The management checked the CCTV camera footage to identify the accused

The Parappana Agarahara police on Monday arrested a 26-year-old delivery executive of a watch showroom for allegedly stealing expensive branded wristwatches worth over ₹10 lakh from the store in Bengaluru.

The accused, identified as Sheshadri Reddy, is a high school dropout from Andhra Pradesh.

He had joined the showroom a fortnight ago.

Recovered

The police recovered the watches from his rented accommodation at Hongasandra.

According to the police, the accused allegedly stole watches while going home from work after hoodwinking the security staff.

The accused would then sell the watches to passers-by at throwaway prices. He has kept many watches in his house to sell them later.

The theft came to light during an audit.

The management checked the CCTV camera footage to identify the accused.

Man held for filming women near city mall

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A man was held for allegedly recording women on his mobile phone near a mall in Hebbal on Monday. The women caught him and handed him over to the police.

According to the police, the accused allegedly manhandled the women when they tried to get hold of him, and tried to flee from the mall.

But, the women sought help from other visitors and mall staff. A few passers-by outside the mall chased the man and got hold of him with the help of autorickshaw drivers nearby. He was handed over to the Kodigehalli police, along with his mobile phone.

The women alleged that the accused had recorded videos of many women and girls who visited the mall and demanded strict action against him.

Dharmasthala case: Belthangady court rejects Chinnaiah's bail plea

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

A Belthangady court on Tuesday rejected the bail application filed by 45-year-old Chinnaiah, the complainant in the Dharmasthala case, who has been in judicial custody since September 6.

The Additional Civil Judge and Judicial Magistrate First Class, T. H. Vijayendra, said the case against Chinnaiah was serious and presently under investigation by the Special Investigation Team (SIT). Under this circumstances it was not appropriate to grant bail to him, the magistrate said in his order on Tuesday.

Arrest

The SIT arrested Chinnaiah on August 23 for perjury after it was found that the skeletal remains, which he had produced before

Chinnaiah

the magistrate at the time of recording his statement, were found to be of a male. He had stated in his oath that he had produced skeletal remains of a female.

Charges

In addition to Section 211(a) (Omission to give notice or information to public servant by person legally bound to given it) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the SIT booked Chinnaiah under Sections 227 (giving false evidence), 228 (fabricating false evidence), 229 (punishment for false evidence), 230 (fabricating false evidence with intent to procure conviction of capital offence), 231 (fabricating evidence with intent to procure conviction of life imprisonment), 236 (false declaration), 240 (giving false information), 248 (false charge), and 336 (forgery) of the BNS.

After questioning Chinnaiah for 14 days and carrying out a search at two houses in Belthagady, the SIT produced him before the magistrate, who remanded him to the prison in Shivamogga on September 6.

He then filed a bail application before the magistrate. As he did not have any counsel, the court arranged services of an advocate, through the district legal services authority.

Two held for running fake ID racket from cybercafe

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A majority of the customers were approaching the accused for fake Aadhaar cards to be used for booking hotel rooms, a police officer said

The Hebbagodi police have unearthed a fake ID racket in Bengaluru and arrested two persons including an ITI graduate for allegedly running it in a cyber cafe. The duo were allegedly creating fake government ID cards and certificates for the last one year.

The accused have been identified as Raghuveer, 25, from Anekal and his associate Yashwanth, 19, a PU dropout. The police seized all the electronic equipment and mobile phones from the accused.

According to the police, Raghuveer was running a cybercafe on Bhavani Road at Hebbagodi where he would allegedly create fake government IDs and educational certificates with forged documents. He would sell them to his customers for a fee ranging from ₹2,000 to ₹10,000 for fake Aadhaar cards, and ₹50,000 for educational certificates, like SSLC and PU marks cards. A majority of his customers were approaching him for fake Aadhaar cards to be used for booking hotel rooms, a police officer said, adding that Raghuveer would advise his customers to use the fake SSLC and PU marks cards only for private company jobs to avoid getting caught.

Based on a tip-off, a police team led by Inspector Somashekhar sent an undercover policeman to get an ID card. Follwoing which, police raided the cyber cafe.

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Portable ion chromatograph brings real-world practice to classrooms

Aquamonitrix works as a simple, low-pressure ion chromatograph that can separate anions along a relatively short column; the solution used to carry the sample into the chromatograph and facilitate the exchange of anions with the column contains only sodium chloride, so the process is also environmentally friendly

Rohini Subrahmanyam

Ion chromatography, or the process of separating ions from a sample by passing it through a long column, is usually carried out in a laboratory using expensive, sophisticated equipment. Now, scientists at the University of Tasmania in Australia have devised a simpler way to perform the technique out in the field – one that could benefit science classrooms, too.

Working with second-year undergraduate students, the scientists helped them analyse soil pore water, or water in between soil particles, immediately after collecting it using a portable ion chromatograph called Aquamonitrix. The students used it to separate and analyse concentrations of nitrate and nitrite ions in the sample as both these ions are known to be harmful for the environment in high concentrations. Then they took the samples back to the lab and analysed them using a conventional chromatograph.

Based on their findings, published in *Journal of Chemical Education*, the portable chromatograph produced results comparable to that of a conventional device in the lab.

Examples of on-site real-time analysis of nitrite and nitrate. (a) Remote analysis of trace levels of nutrients at Derwent River, Tasmania. (b) On-ship mapping of nitrate levels at different river locations and depths. (c) Long-time monitoring of nitrogen nutrients species conversion in tankwater from the underlying soil (greenhouse). J. CHEM. EDUC. 2025, 102, 2928–2938

Chemistry out of the lab

"One of the things we're always interested in is taking our chemistry out of the laboratory [and] into the field," said Brett Paull, a professor of chemistry at the University of Tasmania and the senior author of the study. "So that the students don't only learn that analytical chemistry is something you do in the lab, but it's something that you can do anywhere."

The 2023 ACS Guidelines for Undergraduate Chemistry Programmes says "hands-on" experience in separations and chromatography should be incorporated into the undergraduate chemistry lab coursework. While performing ion chromatography using lab equipment does help students get experience with handling experiments, it still doesn't equip them to apply their analytical skills in a real-world scenario.

Dr. Paull and his team collaborated with Aquamonitrix, the company that manufactures the portable ion chromatograph of the same name, to help young undergraduate students analyse samples in the field.

"Portable instruments give us the opportunity to go out into the field and do actual measurements there," said Dr. Paull.

Simplicity to its benefit

The students first obtained the soil pore water by extracting it from the soil using a portable vacuum pump. Then they filtered the water on-site and directly injected it into the chromatograph.

Aquamonitrix works as a simple, low-pressure ion chromatograph that can separate anions along a relatively short column. The solution used to carry the sample into the chromatograph and facilitate the exchange of anions with the column contains only sodium chloride, thus keeping the process environmentally friendly.

To specifically detect nitrate and nitrite ions among all the anions, the device contains a low-cost absorbance detector that uses UV light. Because both these anions absorb UV light, the students were able to see two peaks in the chromatogram corresponding to the presence of the two anions.

"Nitrite and nitrate absorb quite reasonably in that low UV region, and we don't get any interference from any other anions," Dr. Paull explained. "So [its] simplicity is to its benefit, because we don't get a big messy chromatogram with all the other material."

A simpler specialist

When the students brought the sample back to the lab and measured nitrate and nitrite levels using a conventional, commercial ion chromatograph, they found the numbers produced by the portable device were similar. This suggested the portable method provided accurate results – and for less money and time. The lab-based ion chromatograph is "much more complicated, much more expensive and advanced," Dr. Paull said, and works using longer columns and high-pressure pumps. It may also detect many other anions and produce a more complex chromatogram.

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>
> **BRETT PAULL**
> UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA

"We don't want to do everything," he added. "It's not possible to take a $100,000 laboratory instrument and just take it out to the greenhouse and use it. What we do is develop a $10,000 instrument which actually can do one or two things very well, can be run by a battery, and can be used by a student who's not highly trained or highly skilled. We're not trying to replicate the lab in the field; we're trying to develop low cost, versatile instruments that can be taken into the field." The scientists have also worked on another similar instrument that they say can measure ammonia levels in the field. "So, nitrite, nitrate, and ammonia and then, [eventually] you can look at the complete nitrogen cycle in, say, water treatment plants or in soil chemistry," Dr. Paull said.

The team is also working on a similar instrument to detect arsenic. This toxic element in the soil is a major concern in countries like India and Bangladesh, where groundwater extraction is high.

'They learn more'

But the main reason the scientists worked on this instrument is to use it as an effective teaching tool. "By allowing students to perform both field and laboratory analyses, [the portable device] provides a comprehensive learning experience that combines theoretical concepts with practical applications," Vipul Gupta, a lecturer in chemistry at Deakin University in Victoria, Australia, said. "The hands-on nature of the experiment, coupled with the opportunity to address real-world environmental challenges, fosters curiosity and interest in analytical chemistry." Dr. Gupta expressed belief the exercise can be extended to a more long-term continuous monitoring on the field as well.

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THE GIST

Scientists at the University of Tasmania in Australia have devised a way to perform ion chromatography in the field. Undergraduate students used the portable Aquamonitrix to analyse concentrations of nitrate and nitrite ions in soil pore water. The results were comparable to those of a conventional lab device

The device incorporates a low-cost absorbance detector that utilises ultraviolet light to identify nitrate and nitrite ions. Since both anions absorb ultraviolet light, the resulting chromatogram displayed two distinct peaks corresponding to their presence

Researchers emphasise that expensive laboratory instruments do not travel well. A cheap instrument that can do one or two things well is ideal. Scientists are working on an instrument that can measure ammonia. So, with the ability to sense nitrite, nitrate, and ammonia, the complete nitrogen cycle can be analysed

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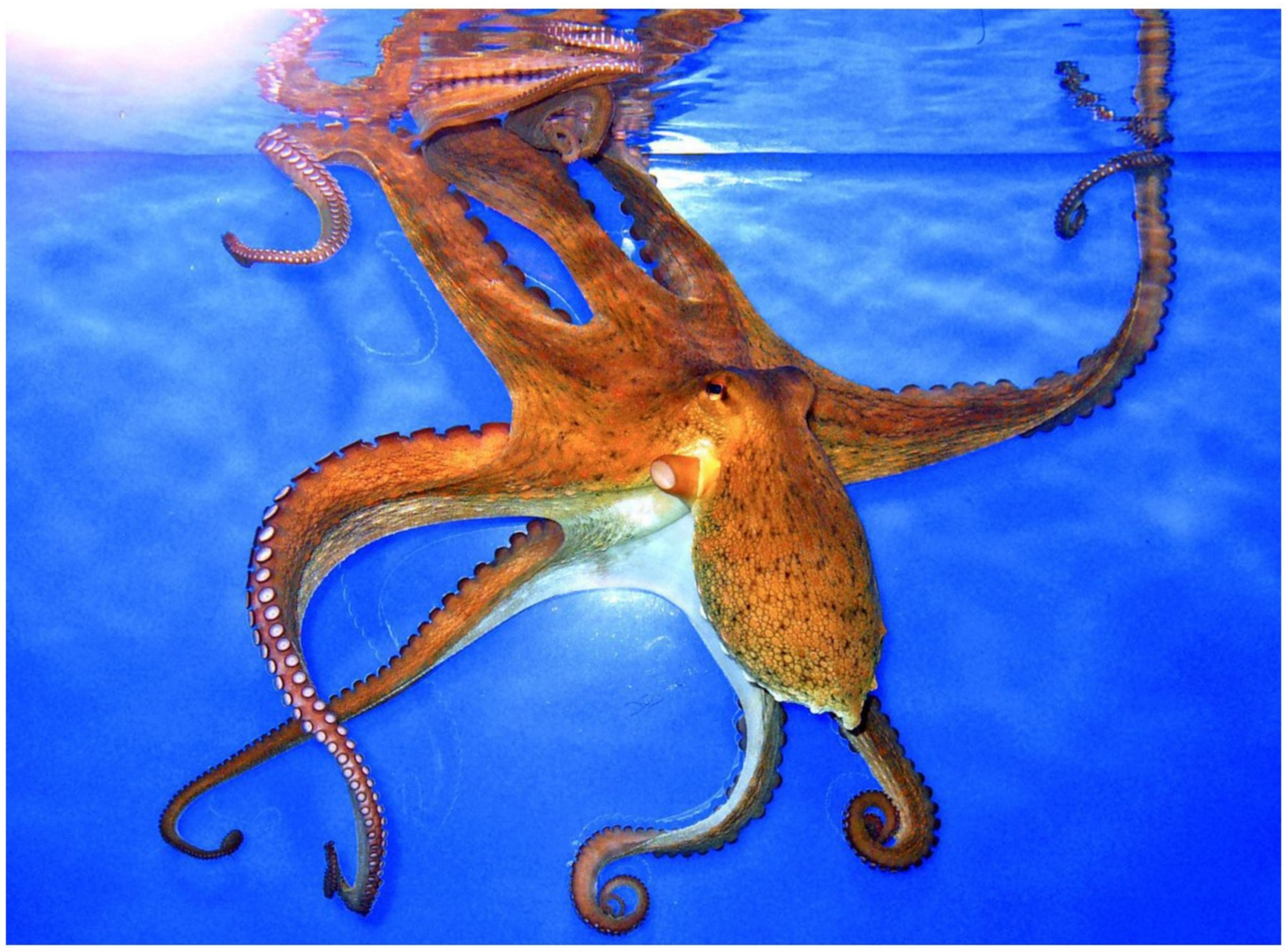


In a new study in *Scientific Reports*, scientists have reported that octopodes have dominant arms with which they explore their surroundings and use the other arms to move — a discovery that shows octopus intelligence includes subtle bodily strategies that divide work between different parts. H. ZELL (CC BY-SA)

QUESTION CORNER

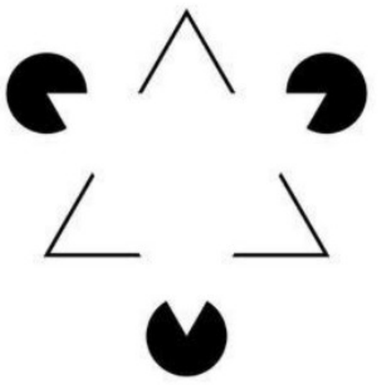
A question of perception

Vasudevan Mukunth

Q. Why do our brains fall for optical illusions?
A: Our brains fall for optical illusions because of the ways in which they perceive the world, including using contextual information, shortcuts, and predictions. Among other patterns, the brain assumes light comes from above, fills missing edges, and exaggerates contrasts.

While these tricks help us navigate the world, sometimes they also produce rational mistakes, where the brain interprets ambiguous information in ways that depart from physical reality. For example, identical colours may look different against different backgrounds and lines of equal length may appear unequal when framed differently.

A new study in *Nature Neuroscience* has deepened this picture. Researchers studied how the brain handles illusory contours, including shapes such as the Kanizsa triangle, where we see edges that are not there. Using advanced imaging and optogenetics in mice, the researchers found that special neurons called IC-encoders in the primary visual cortex respond to these illusory shapes as if they were real edges. The IC-encoders do this by integrating predictions from higher brain areas and broadcasting them in a process where the brain fills in missing parts to create a coherent whole. When scientists stimulated these neurons, the brain produced the illusion even without a visual stimulus, showing that illusions simply "hack" how perception normally works: by combining partial evidence with prior expectations to infer the most likely picture.



A Kanizsa triangle. FIBONACCI (CC BY-SA)

"Sensory systems are constantly faced with incomplete or ambiguous sensory information," the researchers wrote in their paper. "In these situations, successful perception depends on sensory inference."

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KSRTC driver averts major mishap before dying of heart attack

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) driver showed remarkable presence of mind before his death, preventing what could have been a major tragedy on the Bengaluru-Harihara route.

Rajeev Beerasala Chakanni, 56, a Rajahamsa bus driver attached to the Harihara unit, suffered a heart attack while driving on National Highway-4 near the Nelamangala toll gate on Tuesday. Despite experiencing severe chest pain, he safely pulled the Bengaluru-Harihara Rajahamsa bus to the roadside, ensuring the safety of all passengers before collapsing. "Although an ambulance was called immediately and he was rushed to Nelamangala Hospital, he passed away without responding to treatment," KSRTC officials said.

The incident occurred around mid-journey when the bus, operating on the Bengaluru-Davangere route, was carrying five passengers.

After the driver's sudden collapse, KSRTC officials arranged for the passengers to be shifted to another bus to continue their journey. Mr. Beerasala had joined the KSRTC service on February 23, 2005.

Drone pilot training launched

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

CMR University announced the launch of DGCA-certified drone pilot training, expanding career avenues for engineering aspirants. The announcement was made on Monday during the inauguration of its new B.Tech and B.Arch programmes - 2025-26 at Bagalur, to coincide with Engineers' Day celebrations.

HC reserves order on plea to stay rule capping cinema ticket price

Petitioners contended that the State government had no power under the Karnataka Cinema (Regulation) Act, 1964, to restrict or prescribe price for tickets

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday reserved its order on the interim plea of multiplex owners and others seeking a stay of the new rule capping cinema ticket prices at ₹200 (exclusive of GST) in all theatres and multiplexes across the State.

Justice Ravi V. Hosmani reserved the verdict on the interim plea after hearing arguments on the petitions filed by the Multiplex Association of India, film production houses Hombale Films, Keystone Entertainment, and VK Films. The petitioners have questioned the legality of the amendment made to the Karnataka Cinema (Regulation) Rules with effect from September 12, capping the prices of the tickets at ₹200 except in multiple-screen cinemas with premium facilities of 75 seats or less.

The Karnataka government has capped the cinema ticket price at ₹200 except in multiple-screen cinemas with premium facilities of 75 seats or less. FILE PHOTO

The petitioners have contended that the State government has no power under the Karnataka Cinema (Regulation) Act, 1964, under which the Rules were framed, to restrict or prescribe price for tickets for cinema exhibition. The Act is mainly controlling the licensing of the cinema theatres and not for controlling the prices of the tickets. It was pointed out to the court that a similar attempt to cap the ticket prices was made in 2017 by issuing a Government Order (GO), but it was later withdrawn after the cinema houses and others had questioned legality of the GO. On behalf of the film production houses, it was argued that a fair price for ticket is very crucial factor for the business of film production as the process of distribution and exhibition depends on ticket price. The government's action of capping price at ₹200 per ticket was absolutely without any application of mind, without any basis, sans study of expenses for film production, exhibition, and for the establishment of multiplexes/theatres, it was argued.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce has opposed the petitions, stating that the capping on ticket price was essential and the government had acted on the representation given by the KFCC in this regard. Even the government defended its action claiming that it was done in the larger public interest.

Seat-blocking: Notice sent to 351 students

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has asked Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) and the Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) not to grant admission approval or provide University Seat Number (USN) to 351 students who got government quota seats in the third round of CET-2025 counselling but did not enrol in colleges, thus violating rules and regulations.

The KEA has issued show cause notices to all these students and asked why legal action should not be taken as per the Karnataka Selection of Candidates for Admission to Government Seats in Professional Educational Institutions Rules 2006.

In its communication to the VTU and KSHEC, the KEA said that for admission to various courses in engineering colleges in Karnataka, seats are allotted to eligible students after conducting three rounds of counselling through CET. Those who got seats in the first and second rounds were given the opportunity to opt out of the counselling process if they did not like the college.

If they participated in the third round and got a seat in the college of their choice, they were clearly informed that they must take admission in the college.

If they got a seat, they were told to opt for only those colleges that were ready to admit them.

"Since the third round is the last round, if a student gets a seat in this round but does not join the college, the seat will be converted to a management quota seat. However, this will be unfair to those students who were next in line and were waiting for the opportunity," KEA stated.

Despite providing all relevant information to students, 351 students, who got engineering seats under the government quota with government fees in the third round, did not join the college by the last date of admission, which is the reason the respective seats have been converted to management quota seats.

Gehlot returns KTCDA (Amendment) Bill, 2025; seeks clarification from govt.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The KTCDA (Amendment) Bill, 2025 seeks to reduce the size of buffer zones for smaller waterbodies.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has returned the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2025, seeking clarification from the State government on its proposal to reduce the size of buffer zones for smaller waterbodies. The Bill was passed in the Monsoon Session of the legislature.

Mr. Gehlot said that he has received objections from the Bengaluru Town Hall Association with a request not to give his assent to the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

As per the Bill, the buffer zone is sought to be removed for tanks spread across less than five guntas while setting a three-metre buffer for tanks with an area between five guntas and one acre, six metres for tanks between one acre and 10 acres, 13m for tanks between 10 acres and 25 acres, 24m for tanks between 25 acres and 100 acres, and 30m for tanks that are bigger than 100 acres.

For primary canals, the government has proposed to bring down the buffer zone from the current 30m to 15m. And for secondary canals from 15m to 10m and for tertiary canals from 10m to five metres.

Mr. Gehlot told the government, "As per the expert's opinion, the existing lake buffer zone of 30m is itself insufficient, and the real requirement is nearly 300 metres to achieve ecosystem balance. If anything, the buffer zone should be increased, not decreased."

He added that the government had not consulted an expert committee and people about the implication of this amendment.

"It is in violation of the Constitution and settled law, and is harmful for every citizen, affects the citizens' right to water security and a healthy environment," he said.

It is necessary to get clarifications from the State government about the issues raised by Bengaluru Town Hall and 'also know whether this amendment will result in a really adverse effect', he stated while returning the file to the government and directing it to re-submit the file along with clarifications.

Bengaluru Town Hall stated that the association is pleased to learn that the Governor has returned the amendment, which, it claims, 'threatens the 45,000 lakes in Karnataka'.

"That the State government could so frivolously attempt to make amendments that have such large-scale apocalypse-like consequences for both nature and the population of the State shows that the government is not working in the interests of the people of the State. This needs to change immediately. The government needs to be held accountable," said Sandeep Anirudhan, convenor for Bengaluru Town Hall.

Bribery allegations: 3 doctors suspended

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Medical Education Department has suspended three doctors who, while serving as members of the National Medical Commission's inspection team, allegedly accepted bribes to issue favourable inspection reports for a medical institution. The suspended doctors include Chaitra M.S., associate professor, Department of Anatomy, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru; Manjappa C.N., professor and head, Department of Orthopaedics, Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences; and Ashok Shelke, assistant professor, Department of Community Medicine, Bidar Institute of Medical Sciences. The department's principal secretary Mohammad Mohsin issued the suspension order.According to reports, the Central Bureau of Investigation had already registered an FIR in the bribery case after conducting an investigation. The doctors were accused of taking bribes in return for issuing a favourable inspection report for Chhattisgarh's Rawatpura Government Institute of Medical Science and Research.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Number of people who were affected by Swedish data breach

1.5 in million. Sweden's prosecution authority said on Tuesday the personal data of 1.5 million people had been leaked online after a cyberattack against an IT systems provider. Swedish media said town and city councils and private companies had been affected. The number of people targeted represents nearly 15 per cent of Sweden's population of 10.6 million. PTI

Denmark signs pact to develop Greenland's infrastructure

253 in $ million. Denmark has signed an agreement with Greenland for infrastructure development in the autonomous territory, coveted by the United States, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said on Tuesday. In the 2026 budget proposal to parliament, Denmark's government has allocated 1.6 billion kroner ($253 million) for 2026 to 2029. AFP

Losses due to rising temperatures in Bangladesh last year

1.8 in $ billion. Rising temperatures are taking a mounting toll on Bangladesh, with heat-related illnesses and productivity losses costing the economy up to $1.78 billion — about 0.4% of GDP — in 2024, according to a World Bank report released on Tuesday. Bangladesh's capital, Dhaka, has emerged as one of the world's most heat-stressed cities. PTI

Amount in Trump's lawsuit against the *New York Times*

15 in $ billion. U.S. President Donald Trump filed a defamation lawsuit against the *New York Times* on Monday, accusing the outlet of a "decades-long pattern" of smears driven by feelings of "actual malice." The lawsuit also named four *New York Time*s reporters and the publisher Penguin Random House as defendants, according to an 85-page complaint. AFP

Number of employees under CSS who staged a protest in Mizoram

15,000 Employees under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) in Mizoram on Tuesday staged a State-wide protest demanding that the government fulfil their long-standing demand to be regularised under the State government. PTI

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American politics as a power keg

Observers note that the potential for political violence has now reached very dangerous levels. Deepening ideological divides, demographic shifts, social media outrage, and Donald Trump's polarising politics have accelerated an already volatile history of racial, cultural, and institutional conflict

WORLD INSIGHT

Nissim Mannathukkaren

The story so far:
The killing of Charlie Kirk, a right-wing youth activist and an ally of MAGA nationalism and U.S. President Donald Trump, has terribly roiled American politics. Many observers note that the potential for political violence has now reached very dangerous levels. In the recent past, among Democrats, a state leader was killed and another shot at; a state governor was subject to arson attack (2025); the Speaker of the House of Representatives was attacked in which her husband suffered serious injuries (2022); and another state governor was the subject of a failed kidnapping plot (2020); among Republicans, Mr. Trump was the victim of two assassination attempts (2024) and the House majority whip was shot at (2017).

Is there ideological and political polarisation?
America has one of the highest income inequalities amongst high-income countries, which has only grown under both Democrats and Republicans in recent decades. Its racial composition has changed significantly in recent decades. In 1980, those who identified as white alone were 80% of the population. This had reduced to 58% in the 2020 census, while those who identify as Hispanic and Asian have increased from 8% to 25% (note: people do change how they identify their race, and there are also methodological changes in the census). The 2010s are the first decade in which the white population declined. There is also an increase in multi-racial families and babies.

There is a substantial change in political identification as well. Even before Mr. Trump, the political centre, with mixed liberal and conservative positions, had shrunk from 49% in 1994 to 39% in 2014, while Republicans shifted to the right, and Democrats shifted to the left, according to the Pew Survey 2014. If 16% Democrats and 17% Republicans had unfavourable views of each other in 1994, this increased to 38% and 43% respectively in 2014. There are serious ideological differences between the two partisans on issues such as immigration, gun rights, abortion and gay and transgender rights. While 76% of liberals think that it is important to have racial and ethnic diversity, only 20% conservatives think so.

At least 57% of conservatives want to live in a place with many co-religionists, whereas it is only 17% for liberals. The right-wing shows more ideological partisanship as well: 63% of strong conservatives have most of their close friends sharing political beliefs, while it is 49% for strong liberals; 50% on the right want to live where most people share their political beliefs, while it is 35% on the left. Republicans and Democrats differ vastly on gun control: 85% Democrats want a ban on assault-style weapons, 57% of Republicans oppose this.

While 74% of Republicans support teachers carrying guns, it is only 27% for the Democrats, according to the Pew Survey 2024.

Social media technologies have played a huge role in the rise of right-wing populist movements across the world, including America, generating outrage on contentious issues such as immigration, race, nationalism, etc. As scholars Berry and Sobieraj note, "outrage is virtually absent" from American newspapers in 1955 compared to the late 2000s. Powerful figures, such as Elon Musk, have weaponised polarisation through platforms like X. Addressing the recent right-wing "Unite the Kingdom" rally in Britain, he said, "Whether you choose violence or not, violence is coming to you. You either fight back, or you die." Christopher Bail, a political scientist studying polarisation, argues that there is an increasing gap between social media and reality, with the former amplifying extreme views. His research shows that 73% of tweets about politics are generated by just 6% of X users.

Grim pattern: A person holds a U.S. flag during a vigil at Orem City Center Park, after U.S. right-wing activist and commentator, Charlie Kirk, an ally of U.S. President Donald Trump, was fatally shot during an event at Utah Valley University, in the U.S, on September 11. REUTERS

What is the role of Donald Trump in polarisation?
American politics took a radically new turn with the rise of Mr. Trump, an anti-establishment figure, who became a vehicle to channel white Christian nationalism and further polarise an already polarised society. He has taken the Republican Party to the extreme right. During the first term, the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Index recorded American democracy as falling back to 1976 levels. In the short period of the second term itself, experts see the regime acquiring authoritarian characteristics with executive power strengthening at the expense of the Congress, abnegation of institutional autonomy, targeting of political opponents, universities, critical media and free speech, and the deployment of the army to quell protests. Mr. Trump, as President of the nation, instead of lowering the volatile emotional atmosphere following Kirk's assassination, blamed the "radical left" even before a suspect was identified and listed only the attacks against himself and the Republican leaders. He ignored the violence suffered by Democratic politicians, or that of his supporters violently storming the Capitol after the 2020 elections (Mr. Trump had pardoned 1,500 of them).

Also, critically, the accused targeting Mr. Trump had mixed/confused political leanings, which included either being a registered Republican or actually voting for Mr. Trump. While Mr. Trump constantly demonises the radical left and anti-fascist groups as solely responsible for violence, his claims are unfounded. From 1994 to 2020, there was one fatality from anti-fascist attacks, and 21 killed in left-wing violence (2010 to 2020), while there were 329 victims from right-wing violence (Center for Strategic and International Studies). Democracy requires the abjuration of violence, whether it is by the left or the right. But by refusing to acknowledge racist anti-Black mass shootings like that in Buffalo and Charleston, and that white right-wing extremism is the biggest source of domestic terrorism, Mr. Trump dangerously whitewashes violence.

Is there an historical context to the present crisis?
It would be myopic to see the present moment solely as a result of the rise of Mr. Trump and MAGA. America, as a society built on the foundations of the genocide of the native population, as well as slavery, has a long history of white supremacy, racism, gender discrimination and vigilante violence. As the historian Steven Hahn has argued, illiberalism is not an aberration but as powerful a current as liberalism, and is sometimes mixed with it. Such illiberalism was the hallmark of even Democratic politicians like George C. Wallace, an influential governor (who failed to win the Presidential nomination) in the 1960s, who espoused racial hostility and segregation of races. And illiberal currents can be seen in aspects like racial inequalities in incarceration. America has an incarceration rate which is five to eight times higher than that of France, Canada and Germany in 2021 (The Sentencing Project 2023).

If racial justice and prison reform movements have led to the reduction of the prison population by 25% since 2009, it comes after a massive 700% increase since 1972, disproportionately affecting marginalised races. Even after a reduction of the Black prison population by 39% since 2002, Blacks were imprisoned at a rate five times that of whites in 2021. Worryingly, there has also been bipartisan Democratic and Republican consensus in rolling back some of the prison reforms. Beneath the liberal exceptionalist claims of the American polity lurks its violent face, exemplified by the right to keep and bear arms sanctified by the Constitution in 1791.

The staggering nature of gun violence in America is evident in the fact that the rate of gun deaths was 340 times that of the United Kingdom and 862 times that of Japan. In 2023, there were over 700 mass shooting victims alone, double that of 2018. Ironically, Kirk defended gun rights, and termed gun deaths as an unfortunate cost for protecting other "God-given rights."

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THE GIST

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UKP phase-III: Cabinet gives nod for acquisition of 1.33 lakh acres in one go

Compensation rates for land-losing farmers announced; a total compensation of ₹70,000 crore to be paid over a period of three years

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To set the stage for the implementation of the languishing Upper Krishna Project (UKP) phase-III, the Cabinet, in its special meeting on Tuesday, gave clearance for the acquisition of 1,33,867 lakh acres of land in one go through "consent award or direct purchase" from farmers to facilitate the increase of Almatti dam height from the present 519.16 metres to 524.256 metres.

The special Cabinet meeting also announced compensation rates for land-losing farmers, while making it clear that the compensation amount, totalling approximately ₹70,000 crore, would be paid over three financial years starting from the current year.

Briefing media persons after the meeting, which discussed the sole agenda of UKP phase-III for nearly two and a half hours, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced that farmers whose lands would be submerged due to the increase in dam height would receive ₹40 lakh and ₹30 lakh per acre of wet and dry land, respectively. Farmers whose lands would have to be acquired for building canals would receive ₹30 lakh and ₹25 lakh per acre of wet and dry land, respectively.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, along with Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, and H.K. Patil, Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs, addressing the media after a special Cabinet meeting in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Through consent

The entire land acquisition process will be taken up through consent or direct purchase to expedite the process, while legal measures would be taken to move the cases related to land acquisition that are pending before various courts to a mediation process, he noted.

He said the decision regarding compensation rates had been taken after discussing in detail with farmers' associations, land-losing farmers, legislators and Ministers concerned. He described the special meeting of the State Cabinet as "historic".

When completed, the UKP phase-III would irrigate 5.94 lakh hectares of land (14 to 15 lakh acres) in North Karnataka districts, the Chief Minister pointed out. Giving a breakdown of the land proposed to be acquired, he said that 75,563 acres of land would be acquired, as it would be submerged in water, while another 51,837 acres of land was required for building canals. In addition, 6,467 acres of land was required for rehabilitation and resettlement, he noted.

Notification delayed

Meanwhile, taking serious exception to the delay by the Centre in notifying the Krishna Water Disputes' Tribunal's award that provides the right to Karnataka to increase the height of the Almatti dam, the Chief Minister urged the Centre to come out with a gazette notification at the earliest. He said the Centre had not issued the notification in this regard, though the award was issued in 2010, and clarification in this regard had been provided in 2013.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who holds the Water Resources portfolio, said, "In view of some important cases going on as far as the rehabilitation is concerned, we have decided to formulate a new policy on Rehabilitation and Resettlement. We will collect the opinion of people's representatives and farmers concerned in this regard. As per the provisions under Section 51 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, we will establish the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority. This authority will be led by a judge appointed by the High Court Chief Justice," he explained.

He expressed concern over the Maharashtra government's decision to approach the Supreme Court to prevent Karnataka from increasing the Almatti dam height, and said Karnataka would face this legally and politically. "Mr. Siddaramaiah and I had met the Union Jal Shakthi Minister and held discussions on utilising our share of water from Krishna. The Union Minister has given an in-principle approval to issue a gazette notification on this project," he said.

Malur Assembly polls: HC orders recounting of votes

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday ordered recounting of votes polled in the elections held to the Malur Assembly constituency in Kolar district during May 2023, while setting aside the election of Congress candidate K.Y. Nanje Gowda, as the District Election Officer (DEO) failed to produce before the court the video recordings of the process of vote counting for verifying allegations of illegalities during counting.

The court also directed the Election Commission of India (ECI) to take note of the fact that the DEO had failed to furnish the video recording before the court and take appropriate action against the DEO as per the law.

Justice R. Devdas passed the order while partly allowing an election petition filed by the defeated candidate K.S. Manjunath Gowda of the BJP.

The court directed the DEO and the ECI to ensure recounting of votes and declare results afresh within four weeks, and follow all other procedures after declaration of results in accordance with the law after recounting of votes. However, the court stayed for 30 days its order for recounting of votes to enable Mr. Nanje Gowda to file an appeal against this order before the Supreme Court.

Mr. Manjunath Gowda, making several allegations about illegalities in the counting process in his petition, had alleged that the Returning Officer (RO) and his team of election officers had obtained signatures of the counting agents of the petitioner [Mr. Manjunath Gowda] even before the EVMs were opened, in violation of Rule 66A of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961.

The RO did not pass any order on the application for recounting filed by the petitioner; there was wrong tabulation of votes by the RO; that the signature of the counting agents of the petitioner had not been obtained in many of Form-17C Part-II; and unauthorised persons were permitted to enter the counting centre, etc., were among other allegations.

However, the High Court said these allegations could have been easily verified if the DEO had produced the videograph of the counting process as the videography of the counting process was mandatory as per the ECI's norms.

The ECI's norms made it clear that "the videography should indicate the date and time, and the video CDs should be sealed, clearly labelling all the details contained therein after the counting process is over for future reference" and could not be brushed aside as mere guidelines, the High Court said. The High Court also pointed out that the ECI's guidelines also made it clear that a CD containing the record of complete videography of counting process may be given to candidates for free, on specific demand, and the wisdom behind such guidelines are not far to seek.

Summons to DEO

When the court issued summons to the DEO to produce the videography of the counting process, the official did not produce it but filed an affidavit with communications made to the service provider and the reply given by the service provider that it had handed over the hard disk containing the video recordings and upon receipt of all the data, completion certificate was issued to them by the DEO, the court noted.

BJP takes exception to mahasabhas' stand on Lingayat religion status

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

The socio-educational survey (caste census) in the State, scheduled to begin on September 22, appears to have yet again driven a wedge within the larger Veerashaiva-Lingayat community, the largest caste group in the State, with a population of about seven crore.

Amidst misgivings about the manner in which the enumeration is to be done, the Akhila Bharatha Veerashaiva Mahasabha is hosting the Veerashaiva-Lingayat Ekata Samavesha at Hubballi on September 19, from which functionaries of the Jagathika Lingayat Mahasabha are expected to stay away.

'Congress ploy'

While the Veerashaiva Mahasabha has asked the community members to enumerate themselves as Veerashaiva-Lingayats in the religion column under "others", the Lingayat Mahasabha has asked them to enumerate themselves as Lingayats in the "others" column. The BJP has taken exception to this, and the saffron party leaders are claiming that it is the "Congress's ploy" to divide the larger Hindu community. Meanwhile, Panchamasalis – a numerically stronger sub-sect of Veerashiava-Lingayats – are learnt to be divided too, with separate meetings called by their seers heading the two mutts of Harihara and Koodalasangama on Wednesday.

'Number downplayed'

The community leaders had claimed that their number was downplayed in the 2015 survey conducted by the H. Kantharaj Commission, which pegged their population at about 66.35 lakh, or about 11% of the State's population, while claiming that their community constitutes about 17% to 22%.

The numerically strong and land-owning community has controlled the political landscape for decades in the Central, Mumbai Karnataka and Kalyana Karnataka regions in the State. On Tuesday, a meeting of Veerashaiva-Lingayat leaders in the BJP, in which the Lingayat strongman and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa participated, took stock of the developments ahead of the survey.

"Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is dividing the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community. The Constitution recognises only six religions, but the 'others' column has also been provided to break the unity," MP and former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said after the meeting.

"The community is alert and will not fall prey to his political trick," the former Chief Minister added.

Taking exception to the columns for Brahmin Christians, Lingayat Christians and others, he asked, "Which part of the constitution has allowed the creation of separate columns for converts?"

However, Veerashaiva Mahasabha sources insisted that they will go ahead with the plan to enumerate Veerashaiva-Lingayats under the 'others' column, to which the religious heads have offered support.

"Seers of about 1,500 mutts are expected to attend the convention, and they will create awareness among their disciples to enumerate themselves under the 'others' column. Article 25 of the Constitution provides us the right to choose religion," said a source.

'To placate RSS'

The source argued that the meeting had happened to "placate RSS", and that many leaders who participated have offered support to the movement launched by mahasabha.

Mahasabha secretary H.M. Renuka Prasanna stated that, in an effort to confuse people, the commission has added 135 subsects of Veerashaiva-Lingayats, while the mahasabha had asked that only 91 sub-sects be added.

Masked gang loots SBI branch in Vijayapura district

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

A group of five masked men carrying country-made pistols and other weapons, struck at a branch of State Bank of India in Vijayapura district.

Staff tied up

They fled with cash and gold worth crores of rupees after tying up the staff on Tuesday evening.

According to the police, the robbery took place on Tuesday evening at the branch of SBI in Chadchan town of Vijayapura district.

The robbers decamped with stacks of cash and gold ornaments, the value of which is being ascertained, said the police. The masked men, dressed in military-style outfits, threatened the manager, cashier and other employees with dire consequences, and tied them up, before taking away the cash and the gold, according to the sources.

Superintendent of Police Laxman Nimbargi, along with senior officials, rushed to the spot.

The news of robbery resulted in large number of people gathering in front of the bank.

Manhunt launched

Having registered a case, the Chadchan Police have launched a manhunt for the accused.

₹144 crore fine collected by settling 53.11 lakh traffic challan cases at Lok Adalat

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A whopping ₹144 crore was collected by settling 53.11 lakh challan cases by offering a 50% discount on the fine amount for traffic rule violations, as part of the national-level Lok Adalat organised by the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) across the State last week.

These traffic challan cases were among the total 1.08 crore pre-litigation cases that were amicably settled during the Lok Adalat, which also reduced the pendency in courts by 2.42 lakh cases due to mutual settlement of cases among the litigants.

In Bengaluru city alone, ₹106. crore was collected by closing 37.86 lakh traffic challans followed by Mysuru city, where 26.14 crore was collected by closing 10.89 lakh cases.

Justice S.G. Pandit, a judge of the High Court and Chairman of the High Court Legal Services Authority, said the State government had accepted KSLSA's proposal for offering a 50% discount on the fine amount, and the vehicle owners responded positively to the offer. Justice Anu Sivaraman, a judge of the High Court of Karnataka and the Executive Chairperson of the KSLSA, said that response of litigants was overwhelming.

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It is brought to the notice of general public and whom so ever it may concern that my client **Mr. Nagaraj. H** is intending to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule property here under from Smt. K. Sujatha, Mr. P. Muniraj, Mr. Supraj Yadav Muniraj, Smt. Bharathi. A & Mr. Nikhil Reddy Amaresh who claim to be the Joint owners of the Schedule Property acquired through the sale deed document dated 14-02-2024 registered as document No.DBP-1-14661/2023-24, Book–I, page No. 01-22 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura. Any person or any persons ascertaining any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof and in any manner whatsoever against the Schedule Property based on the documents pertaining to the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received there after will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the Schedule.

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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Second Anniversary

Smt. Saroja Raman

Embodiment of love and compassion and a guiding light to the family. We deeply miss you. May you bless us throughout our lives.

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Raghu Raman & Rashmi Raman
Grandchildren & Family, Directors, Employess of MIL Family
and **innumerable lives that were touched by her boundless affection.**
MIL INDUSTRIES LIMITED, Chennai.

DEATH

S.MATHIAS (69), Retired Senior Engineer (Printing), The Hindu, Chennai passed away on 16-September-2025. Address: 4, Padmavathy Nagar, 4th Street, Madhavaram, Chennai-600057. Contact: 9884504599

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NOTICE NO. TIDCO/Projects/GLOBAL CITY/2025 **Date: 17.09.2025**

Tamilnadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (TIDCO) intends to select a consulting firm for Preparation of Master Plan for the Development of a Global City at Maduranthakam Taluk, Chengalpattu District, Tamil Nadu in accordance with the Terms of Reference as set out in the Request for Proposal document.

Interested Consultants can download the RFP from the website **https://tntenders.gov.in and https://tidco.com.**

The schedule for processing the proposal is as follows: -
1. Pre-bid meeting on 30-09-2025 at 12.00 Noon at TIDCO Office, Egmore, Chennai.
2. Last date and time for Submission of Proposals is on or before "24-10-2025 at 03.00 PM at TIDCO office, Egmore Chennai.
3. Opening of Technical Proposals/Bids is at 04.30 PM on 24.10.2025 at TIDCO Office.

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CACHE

Automated world: A machine cannot process the meaning behind raw data. Data annotators label raw images, audio, video, and text with information that trains AI and Machine Learning (ML) models. This, then, becomes the training set for AI and ML models. ISTOCKPHOTO

Unseen labour, exploitation: the hidden human cost of Artificial Intelligence

AI's efficiency and accuracy are built on the invisible labour of low-paid workers in developing countries. From data labelling to content moderation, 'ghost workers' face exploitation, insecurity, and mental health risks. Data annotators play a major role in training LLMs like ChatGPT, Gemini, etc.

Nivedita S.

The world is gearing towards an 'automated economy' where machines relying on artificial intelligence (AI) systems produce quick, efficient and nearly error-free outputs. However, AI is not getting smarter on its own; it has been built on and continues to rely on human labour and energy resources. These systems are fed information and trained by workers who are invisibilised by large tech companies, and mainly located in developing countries.

Areas of human involvement

A machine cannot process the meaning behind raw data. Data annotators label raw images, audio, video, and text with information that trains AI and Machine Learning (ML) models. This, then, becomes the training set for AI and Machine Learning (ML) models. For example, an large-language models (LLM) cannot recognise the colour 'yellow' unless the data has been labelled as such. Similarly, self-driving cars rely on information from video footage that has been labelled to distinguish between a traffic sign and humans on the road. The higher the quality of the dataset, the better the output and the more human labour is involved in creating it.

Data annotators play a major role in training LLMs like ChatGPT, Gemini, etc. An LLM is trained in three steps: self-supervised learning, supervised learning and reinforcement learning. In the first step, the machine picks up information from large datasets on the Internet. The data labellers or annotators enter in the second and third steps, where this information is fine-tuned for the LLM to give the most accurate response. Humans give feedback on the output the AI produces for better responses to be generated over time, as well as remove errors and jailbreaks.

This meticulous annotating work is outsourced by tech companies in Silicon Valley to mainly workers in countries like Kenya, India, Pakistan, China and the Philippines for low wages and long working hours.

Data labelling can be of two types: those which do not require subject expertise and those which are more niche and require subject expertise. Several tech companies have been accused of employing non-experts for technical subjects that require prior knowledge. This is a contributing factor in the errors found in the output produced by AI. A data labeller from Kenya revealed that they were tasked with labelling medical scans for an AI system intended for use in healthcare services elsewhere, despite lacking relevant expertise.

However, due to errors resulting from this, companies are starting to ensure experts for such information being fed into the system.

Automated features requiring humans

Even features marketed as 'fully automated' are often underpinned by invisible human work. For example, our social media feeds are 'automatically' filtered to censor sensitive and graphic content. This is only possible because human moderators labelled such content as harmful by going through thousands of uncensored images, texts and audio. The exposure to such content daily has also been reported to cause severe mental health issues like **post-traumatic stress disorder**, anxiety and depression in the workers.

Similarly, there are voice actors and actors behind AI-generated audios and videos. Actors may be required to film themselves dancing or singing for these machines to recognise human movements and sounds. Children have also been reportedly engaged to perform such tasks.

In 2024, AI tech workers from Kenya sent a letter to former U.S. President Joe Biden talking about the poor working conditions they are subjected to. "In Kenya, these US companies are undermining the local labor laws, the country's justice system and violating international labor standards. Our working conditions amount to modern-day slavery," the letter read. They said the content they have to annotate can range from pornography and beheadings to bestiality for more than eight hours a day, and for less than $2 an hour, which is very low in comparison to industry standards. There are also strict deadlines to complete a task within a few seconds or minutes.

When workers raised their concerns to the companies, they were sacked and their unions dismantled.

Most AI tech workers are unaware of the large tech company they are working for and are engaged in online gig work. This is because, to minimise costs, AI companies outsource the work through intermediary digital platforms. There are subcontract workers in these digital platforms who are paid per "microtask" they perform. They are constantly surveilled, and if they fall short of the targeted output, they are fired. Hence, the labour network becomes fragmented and lacking transparency.

The advancement of AI is powered by such "ghost workers." The lack of recognition and informalisation of their work helps tech companies to perpetuate this system of labour exploitation. There is a need to bring in stricter laws and regulations on AI companies and digital platforms, not just on their content in the digital space, but also on their labour supply chains powering AI, ensuring transparency, fair pay, and dignity at work.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Narendra Modi was born on this day in 1950. A quiz on India's current Prime Minister.

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
In 2014, Prime Minister Modi led the Bharatiya Janata Party to a parliamentary majority. This was the first for the BJP since which year?

QUESTION 2
During the period of Emergency, Mr. Modi wrote a Gujarati-language book which describes events during the Emergency. What is the book called?

QUESTION 3
In December 2014, under Prime Minister Modi, which government institution was abolished and replaced by the NITI Aayog?

QUESTION 4
When Mr. Modi joined electoral politics for the first time in 2002, he entered the Gujarat State Legislature after winning a byelection in which constituency?

QUESTION 5
Mr. Modi wrote a foreword to a 2014 textbook by which Indian educationist?

QUESTION 6
Mr. Modi was a candidate in two Lok Sabha constituencies in 2014. Which were they?

Visual question:
This image signifies the launch of a new initiative of the BJP government in 2014. What is it? On which day was the initiative launched?

Questions and Anwers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. What action sparked the 1979 International Women's Day protests in Tehran, just a month into the Iranian Revolution? **Ans: Ayatollah Khomeini ordered state-employed women to wear hijab in government offices**
2. Under whose presidency was the Guidance Patrol (Gasht-e Ershad) formally created to enforce hijab and morality codes? **Ans: Mahmoud Ahmadinejad**
3. Under Article 638 of the 1983 Islamic Penal Code, what punishments were prescribed for women appearing in public without hijab? **Ans: 74 lashes and/or imprisonment of 10 days to two months**
4. Approximately how many protesters had been killed by security forces by December 2022, according to Iran Human Rights? **Ans: At least 476 people**
5. What is the slogan or movement name that arose from the protests ignited by her death? **Ans: 'Zan, Zendegī, Āzādī' which translates as 'Woman, Life, Freedom'**
Visual: Identify the protest in this photograph taken by Iranian photographer Mohammad Sayyad. **Ans: The International Women's Day protests in Tehran, on March 8, 1979, taken out in opposition against the introduction of mandatory hijab.**

Early Birds: Siddhartha Viswanathan | Tamal Biswas | Tito Shiladitya | Suchit Narottam | Sumana Dutta

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

Upendran

Nice to see you again. Can you come by tomorrow and help me pack?"
"Yes, I would help you pack..."
"...you would help me pack, or you will help me pack?"
"'Would' or 'will', what difference does it make? They mean the same thing, don't they?"
"Not in that sentence. If you say, 'I would help you pack,' it implies that you want to help me pack, but for some reason or the other, you cannot."
"Good grief! That's not what I meant to say at all."
"But that's what the word 'would' implies in that sentence. It implies that you are not going to help me pack tomorrow. It's your way of saying, 'I would like to help you pack, but I can't. I have something else to do."
"Like seeing Jayashree and Prashant off at the station?"
"Maybe. Here's another example. Suppose I ask you for money and you reply. 'I would lend you Rs. 2000...'"
"...it probably means I am not going to give you the money."
"Exactly! Maybe you don't have the money. Or maybe you just don't want to part with it. Whatever the reason, I'm not getting anything. It could also mean..."
"...you know I don't have Rs. 2000."
"You don't have Rs. 5! Let alone Rs. 2000. As I was saying, 'I would lend you Rs. 2000', can also mean that you are willing to give the amount provided certain conditions are met. For example, I would lend you Rs. 2000, provided you paid interest."
"I would get a hundred in Physics if I had a different teacher."
"That's an excellent example. If the speaker had said 'I would get a hundred' and stopped, you would have the feeling that the sentence is incomplete. And that the speaker wants to say something more."
"I see. Suppose I'm definite about helping you pack tomorrow. What do I say then?" "You say, 'I will help you pack tomorrow'. When you are definite or certain about something, use 'will, not 'would'."
"So when someone says. 'I will send the invitation next week', it implies that he is pretty sure of sending it next week."
"Exactly! If, on the other hand, he says, 'I would send the invitation next week'..."
"...it probably implies that though he would like to, he may not be able to send the invitation for some reason or the other"
"Right again! When you use 'would' there" is a sense of incompleteness. So if you are definite about something happening, use 'will'. The exam will be held in March."
"Elections will be held this month."
"Good."
"I will get a hundred in tomorrow's test."
"I will study for two hours today."
"Two hours today? I would like to, but I can't. Something has come up."
"What's come up?"
"I would like to tell you, but I can't. I will tell you tomorrow."
Published in The Hindu on February 17, 1998

Word of the day

Quotidian:
Found in the ordinary course of events; a placid everyday scene

Synonyms: Everyday, mundane, routine

Usage: *In the midst of her hectic schedule, she found solace in her quotidian rituals, like sipping tea and reading a book.*

Pronunciation:
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International Phonetic Alphabet: kwɒˈtɪdɪən

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INBRIEF

Court seeks report on death of 28 children in Palakkad

The Kerala High Court has sought a report from the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights on the death of 28 children aged below 13 under suspicious circumstances in Palakkad from 2010 to 2023. All of them were found hanging. The court directive followed a public interest litigation petition seeking formation of a special investigation team to probe the deaths that occurred in the jurisdiction of police stations on Palakkad's boundary with Tamil Nadu.

Telangana govt. expedites payments for Aarogyasri

As the Aarogyasri network hospitals in Telangana threatened to stop treating patients, the government said that payments under Aarogyasri have been expedited. The Health department on Tuesday said the Rajiv Aarogyasri Healthcare Trust had released monthly payouts averaging ₹95 crore in 2024-25. Aarogyasri CEO Uday Kumar appealed to hospitals to reconsider the strike, describing the scheme as the backbone of health security for nearly one crore BPL families.

Eight arrested in Kerala over sexual assault on minor boy

Eight people have been arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting a 16-year-old boy in Kasaragod district of Kerala whom he reportedly met through a dating app. The assaults allegedly happened over two years. A total of 14 persons, including a senior official from the Education department, a senior Railway Protection Force officer, and a political leader, have been booked under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Where are 41 missing files on theft of idols, SC asks T.N. govt.

Petitioner alleges conspiracy among 'police officers, bureaucracy, idol mafia' and calls for a fair investigation; judge says truth should be brought out; court seeks details of FIR on missing files

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday questioned the Tamil Nadu government over 41 missing files related to investigations into thefts of idols, observing that it is the responsibility of the State to protect the culture.

"Right from day one, petitions have been filed in the Madras High Court pointing out that 376 idols have been stolen. The details were placed before authorities for recovery. They pointed out that the idols were available in museums abroad. When details were placed before authorities, 41 files went missing. What is the reason behind these files going missing? Where are those files?" Justice R. Mahadevan, who was part of a Bench headed by Justice B.V. Nagarathna, asked senior advocate Sanjay Hegde, appearing for the State along with advocate Sabarish Subramanium.

A stolen idol unearthed from a warehouse in T.N. FILE PHOTO

Note of caution

Mr. Hegde said some of the files had been reconstructed. "Has any FIR been registered on those missing files? We will summon the Chief Secretary otherwise. It is the responsibility of the State to protect the culture," Justice Mahadevan cautioned the State's lawyers.

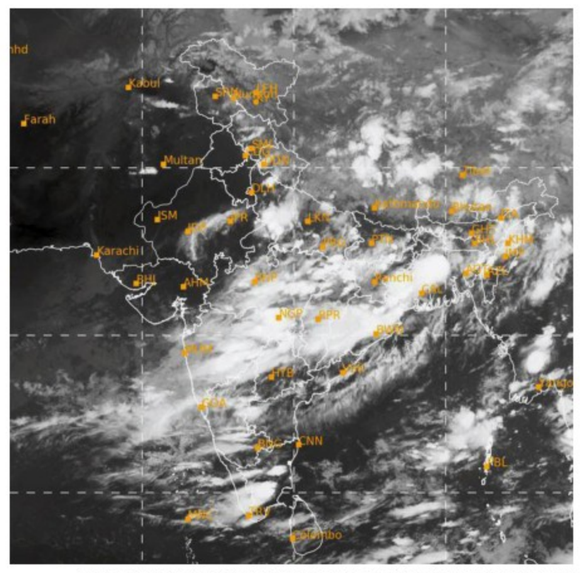
Justice Nagarathna said the truth behind the missing files have to be rooted out. "Did fires occur simultaneously in 38 different police stations, destroying the files? Or was there any circular to destroy the files?" she asked.

The hearing came on a petition filed by advocate Elephant Rajendran seeking a fair probe into the missing files. He had alleged that the missing files had dealt with the theft of antique temple idols, precious artefacts, jewels and other properties. Some of the idols date back 1,500 to 2,000 years, he said and claimed that the disappearance was the result of a "serious conspiracy" among the higher police officers, the bureaucracy and the idol mafia.

Mr. Hegde said 11 FIRs were registered regarding the missing files. Some of the idols have been recovered.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	3	31.0	25.1	Kozhikode	—	34.0	26.4
Ahmedabad	—	34.6	26.0	Kurnool	—	31.6	25.2
Aizawl	—	34.0	19.2	Lucknow	25	30.4	24.4
Allahabad	30	31.5	25.4	Madurai	16	36.4	23.5
Bengaluru	—	28.6	21.3	Mangaluru	8.2	28.6	23.1
Bhopal	5	33.5	23.0	Mumbai	31	28.1	23.6
Bhubaneswar	—	32.8	24.4	Mysuru	—	29.0	19.0
Chandigarh	—	33.2	24.4	New Delhi	—	36.3	24.4
Chennai	—	34.2	24.2	Patna	42	27.7	25.7
Coimbatore	—	30.5	23.4	Port Blair	2.7	29.4	24.8
Dehradun	28.4	28.5	21.8	Puducherry	—	31.0	25.0
Gangtok	68	19.6	17.5	Pune	11.8	26.3	23.2
Goa	7	28.7	23.9	Raipur	27.3	31.3	24.8
Guwahati	18	26.7	25.4	Ranchi	24	27.3	21.8
Hubballi	—	27.0	22.0	Shillong	12	23.2	17.2
Hyderabad	0.5	29.6	21.4	Shimla	4	24.4	17.8
Imphal	—	28.6	21.1	Srinagar	—	29.5	18.2
Jaipur	—	33.3	26.3	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.5	25.0
Kochi	11	30.2	25.4	Tiruchi	—	35.6	25.4
Kohima	16	21.6	18.2	Vijayawada	1	33.5	26.0
Kolkata	16.7	32.2	25.3	Visakhapatnam	15	32.0	25.9

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	9	13	.42	25	76	
Bengaluru	.16	.71	.21	28	53	
Chennai	.15	.22	.98	17	50	
Delhi	.24	.47	.69	118	275	
Hyderabad	.18	.13	.24	102	96	
Kolkata	8	.18	.32	45	43	
Lucknow	5	.12	.34	74	67	
Mumbai	.24	.12	138	40	82	
Pune	—	.32	.75	47	54	
Visakhapatnam	9	.47	.17	84	111	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 212 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 9

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Scheduled Caste man in love with daughter of inter-caste couple murdered in T.N.

Nacchinarkkiniyan M.
MAYILADUTHURAI

A 28-year-old Scheduled Caste man was hacked to death near Mayiladuthurai on Monday night, allegedly over his relationship with the daughter of an inter-caste couple.

The victim, Vairamuthu of Adiyamangalam village, had been in a relationship with Malini, 26, a resident of the same village, for nearly a decade. While both belonged to the same community, Malini's mother, Vijaya, who belongs to another caste, had reportedly opposed their relationship.

According to the police, following complaints from both sides, officials had summoned the families on September 14 for an inquiry. Malini is said to have reaffirmed her decision to marry Vairamuthu, after which her family obtained a written statement from her. She also left her house to live with Vairamuthu. On Monday, she travelled to Chennai to collect documents for registering their marriage. That night, Vairamuthu was waylaid by an unidentified gang and attacked with sickles. He sustained grievous injuries, and was rushed to the Government Hospital in Mayiladuthurai, but died on the way.

Superintendent of Police G. Stalin, who visited the spot, said 10 persons, including Malini's brothers, had been detained for questioning in connection with the murder. Four special teams had been formed to nab the suspects.

Meanwhile, members of the CPI(M), the Tamil Nadu Untouchability Eradication Front, the Democratic Youth Federation of India, and the VCK, along with the victim's relatives and villagers, staged a road blockade near the Mayiladuthurai Government Hospital.

Sharavati project gets the thumbs down

Sathish G.T.
KARGAL (SHIVAMOGGA)

The residents of Sagar taluk, environmentalists, and politicians opposed the Sharavati Pumped Storage Project at the environmental public hearing conducted by the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Gurudatta Hegade on Tuesday. They urged Mr. Hegade to recommend to the Ministry of Environment and Forests against the project.

KPCL has proposed to generate 2,000 MW by spending ₹10,240 crore. It proposes to utilise the existing Gerusoppa and Talakalale reservoirs to generate power to meet the power requirement during peak hours.

The participants, however, took objection to holding the hearing without sharing the contents of the detailed project report (DPR) with them and not publishing the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report in Kannada.

Several local people and environmentalists demanded that the hearing be cancelled at the beginning, saying that the public had not been given access to the DPR. The officers of the KPCL and the Deputy Commissioner attempted to convince the public.

At one point, Vijay Kumar, KPCL Executive Engineer, stated that the purpose of the hearing was not to discuss the DPR, and this prompted the local people to raise their voices against him.

The local people asked them why there had been no Kannada version of the reports.

Akhilesh Chipli, an environmentalist from Sagar, urged Mr. Hegade to cancel the hearing and instruct the KPCL officials to share the EIA report in Kannada, reconvene the meeting, and possibly reschedule it for six months.

However, Mr. Hegade stated that the hearing could not be cancelled and that he would record the meeting's proceedings and send the report to the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

At the beginning of the hearing, even as Mr. Kumar was explaining about the wildlife at the project site, the public alleged that the officers were hiding the fact that the project site was known for the lion-tailed macaque, a critically endangered species.

18 stranded on river island in A.P. rescued

The Hindu Bureau
NELLORE

Eighteen youngsters stranded in the floodwaters of Penna river in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh on Monday, were rescued after a seven-hour operation. Police said they went to an island-like place in the middle of the river around 5.30 p.m. Floodwaters surrounded them suddenly by 7.30 p.m. and they got trapped.

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Tender Notice No./3123/2024-25 Dated: 15 Sept, 2025

TENDER NOTICE

This is to inform all concerned that the tender " Proposal Of Empanelment Of Agencies For Prepare, Printing and Supply of Examination Centre Management Kits And Related Activities" Published . Interested and eligible bidders are invited to submit their bids from Dated-15.09.2025 as per the tender document.

For more details, please visit **http://www.uktenders.gov.in or contact UKSSSC e-mail usssc15@gmail.com.**

Secretary

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Application Notification No. 210/Halts/DBS Halt/2025/SBC Division
Dated : 02-09-2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed applications for appointment of Halt Agent from educated unemployed persons residing in and around the Dobbespet (DBS) Train Halt Station for issuing Unreserved Tickets on Commission basis for a period of five (05) years or till up-gradation of the station whichever is earlier.

Sl. No	Station	Section	To Start functioning from
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Date and Time of submission of application : From 10:00 Hrs. to 16:00 Hrs. of 06-10-2025

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SECTION I : NOTICE INVITING TENDER

RFP for Selection of Agency for Preparation of Comprehensive City Revitalization Plans including Central Business Districts (CBDs) & Historic Core for Bhagalpur
File No:- 09/न.वि.मा. पला. 23/2024 9998

1. Urban Development & Housing Department, Gov. of Bihar, invites proposals from eligible firms to select a consultant for Preparation of Comprehensive City Revitalization Plans including Central Business Districts (CBDs) & Historic Core for Bhagalpur.
2. Interested Consultancy Firms may download the complete Request for Proposals (RFP) Document, from website: https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in or https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban.

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1	Website for submission of proposal	www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/
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3	Last date and time for Submission of Technical Proposal on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in	07-10 -2025 up to 05:00 PM
4	Date and time of Pre bid meeting	19-09-2025 by 12:00 PM Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar, 1st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna – 800015
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6	Date and time of opening of Technical Bids	08-10-2025 at 03:30 PM
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8	Method of Selection	QCBS method of evaluation (weightage 70:30)

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s, & Co-obligant and Guarantor/s particular that the under mentioned property mortgaged to **Karnataka Grameena Bank,** the possession of which had been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank under Secton 13(4) of the Act willbe sold by E-Auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and applicable interest Charges and cost etc as detailed below.

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Name and Adress of Borrower: Sri. Avinash S/o Narayana H, R/o: No:226, Ward No:5, KayisoppinaBeedi, Ramanagara Town-562159.
Guarantor : Sri. Yashwanth Kumar S/o narasimhaiah R/o Thotadamane, Opp. Gousia College, Maruthinagara, Ramanagara Town-562159.
Amount Outstanding of A/c No :**1) 42213204000315: Rs.10,53,852.64(Rupees Ten lakhs fifty three thousand eight hundred fifty two and sixty four paisa)** as on **27.08.2025**, interest from **28.08.2025** excluding charges thereon.
2) **12213130000057**: **Rs.18,53,635.50(Rupee Eighteen lakhs fifty three thousand six hundred thirty five and fifty paisa)** as on **31.08.2025**, interest from **01.09.2025** excluding charges thereon due to Karnataka Grameena Bank Ramanagara Branch.
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	Rs. 12,09,000/-	**Rs.1,21,000/-**
Last date, Time and Place for Receipt of EMD	**17.10.2025 4:00 PM**	

Details of Auction service provider: M/s 4 Closure India, #296, 1st floor, 15th cross, A Sector, Yelahanka new town, Bangalore-560064. Website: www.foreclosureindia.com & www.bankauctions.in.E-mail: bhaskar@bankauctions.in, Info@bankauctions.in. Ph.No.: 040-2383 6405, 8142000062/63.9515160061, 8142000809 (Sri Varun Gowda)

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KARNATAKA GRAMEENA BANK

Constitutional clarity

Presidential Reference proceedings boost case against delays by Governors

The hearings on the Presidential Reference that followed the Supreme Court judgment on April 8, 2025, clarifying the constitutional position on the powers of the Governor and the President in providing assent to Bills passed by State Assemblies, have largely confirmed that Governors should not indefinitely withhold assent to such Bills. Addressing the 14 questions posed in the Presidential Reference, the observations of the five-judge Bench largely converged on the constitutional principles elucidated in April. The question by the Chief Justice of India, B.R. Gavai, on whether the Court should "sit powerless" while Governors make "competent State legislatures defunct" echoed the core concern in the April judgment – that constitutional offices cannot paralyse democratic governance through inaction. While States' counsel largely argued along political lines based on which parties governed them, this did not detract from the thorough examination of Articles 200 and 201 during the proceedings. The argument that the Constitution's silence on specific timelines in these Articles does not grant unlimited discretion to Governors remains compelling. When the Solicitor-General argued that Governors serve as a "check on hasty legislation", the Bench's response also indicated the tension between this position and democratic principles. Justice Vikram Nath's observation, that Governors "cannot sit over the wisdom of the legislature indefinitely", was succinct.

That only Opposition-ruled States have faced prolonged delays, as pointed out by Kerala's counsel, suggests the constitutional framework itself is not ambiguous but that its application has become selective. The Bench's examination of why judicial review applies to Governors' recommendations under Article 356 (President's Rule) but supposedly not to actions under Article 200 (assent to Bills) highlighted potential inconsistencies in arguments defending unlimited discretion for Governors. The proceedings related to the questions posed in the Presidential Reference demonstrate why the April judgment's framework remains constitutionally sound and necessary to maintain the balance between federal cooperation and State autonomy. The question from these hearings is on why the Centre chose this unusual route. As scholars have established, an advisory opinion by the Court under Article 143 does not override a binding judgment under Article 141. If the Centre genuinely sought clarity on the April judgment, well-established judicial procedures such as review petitions or curative petitions were available. When the Court's final reply to the Reference is received, the Centre should accept the constitutional boundaries that the April judgment and these proceedings have reinforced, rather than continuing to pursue powers that would alter the delicate federal balance that the Constitution has established.

A brief respite

The full effects of the 50% tariffs will reflect in September's trade data

India's August trade data by the Commerce and Industry Ministry must come as a respite for the Central government, as it faces demands ranging from interest subvention to loan repayment moratoriums from labour-intensive sectors such as seafood and textiles and apparels. But there is no telling how long this respite will last, as it largely depends on the trajectory of the renewed trade negotiations between India, and its largest trading partner, the United States, amid America's punishing 50% tariffs on imports applicable from August 27. Goods exports in August rose 6.7% year-on-year (YoY) to $35.10 billion, while imports declined by 10.12% to $61.59 billion, led by steep falls in inward shipments of gold (-57% YoY) and silver (-60% YoY). As a result, merchandise trade deficit narrowed to $26.49 billion in August from July's $27.35 billion. But the strains of the U.S.'s 25% "reciprocal tariffs", that kicked in on August 7, show in the sequential drop in exports. Goods exports in August to the U.S. dropped to $6.86 billion from $8.01 billion in July, while overall exports shrunk to $35.10 billion in August from $37.24 billion in July and $35.14 billion in June. This suggests that the scramble for stockpiling by American importers has begun to slow and the full effects of the 50% tariffs will reflect in September's trade data. While U.S. shipments in electronics, gem and jewellery and engineering goods saw mild declines in August, textiles witnessed the sharpest fall of about 2.7% YoY. To be sure, these sectors witnessed impressive YoY overall growth. Not surprisingly, drugs and pharmaceuticals, a sector that is exempt from the tariffs, have done well sequentially and on-year, with exports growing 6.94% YoY to $2.51 billion in August.

What is worrying is the sharp decline in imports across products and sectors – transport equipment (-26.54%), coal and allied products (-26.2%), wood and allied products (-14.46%) and iron and steel (-10.98%). This suggests either a slowing in economic activity, or an attempt to find cheaper domestic suppliers in the wake of tariff-related price pressures. Lower merchandise imports might be good for the deficit, but a sudden decrease such as this is alarming. What is also telling is that despite strained diplomatic relations between India and China, Beijing remains a top trading nation for India. That China remains a main source of imports (grew by 10.19%, April-August) shows that diplomacy and economic relations are far removed from each other.

GST 2.0 — short-term pain, possible long-term gain

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Goods and Services Tax (GST) was introduced in India with a view to promoting consumption and production efficiencies with a tax system that was destination-based. The objective was to ensure that the tax incidence fell on final consumers and taxes paid on inputs were rebated. The way GST evolved in the presence of a complex compensation cess mechanism continued to suffer from multiple tax rates, inverted duty structure and considerable compliance cost.

The new rate structure, which takes effect from September 22, 2025, implies significant rate reductions for some categories of goods. In the revised GST rate structure, 12% and 28% rates have been discontinued. The rates of 0%, 5% and 18% have been continued with changes in the goods and services covered under these rates. There is also a demerit rate of 40% for sin goods and luxury items. Some other lower special rates below 5% have also been continued. Major beneficiary sectors include textiles, consumer electronics, automobiles, health and most food items. These are employment-intensive sectors where the benefits of lower prices would be quite broad based. On the production side, sectors that would benefit include fertilizers, agricultural machinery and renewable energy, where farmers would gain benefits through lower input costs.

Out of a total number of 546 goods where rate changes have been brought in, more than 80% have been subjected to rate reductions and 20% to rate increases. Rate reductions along with corresponding reduction in post-tax prices, in percentage terms, are given in the *Table*.

GST revenues (R) are determined as the tax rate (r) multiplied by the tax base (E), which is final consumption expenditure. Tax base is the product of pre-tax price (p) and quantity (q). Thus, R=r.E=r.(p.q). Rate changes will have two effects on revenues: one, through the tax rate change, and the other through the impact on tax base. As the tax rates are lowered, post-tax prices are expected to fall, leading to an increase in the quantity demanded. The percentage fall in post-tax price would be much less than the percentage fall in the tax rate. Calibrations indicate that for all feasible ranges of demand elasticity, revenues would fall. Where the tax rates have been brought down to nil, irrespective of the level of expenditure, revenues will be zero.

There are only limited instances of increase in the tax rate. In cases where the tax rate has been increased from 28% to 40%, pertaining to demerit or luxury goods, most of this change implies only the merger of the compensation cess into the tax rate. This does not constitute a genuine increase in the tax rate. There are some instances where goods may have been moved from 12% to 18%. Overall, our assessment is that substantial revenue reduction is involved due to the multiplicative effect of the fall in the tax rate.

Various estimates of net revenue loss are available which include the one given by the Ministry of Finance – at ₹48,000 crore for a full year. Other estimates provide higher figures.

Income augmenting effect

To the extent that the government has to bear a substantive amount of foregone revenues on account of these GST reforms, this benefit would accrue to the tax-payer and his disposable incomes would go up. Much of the benefit would accrue to consumers of goods in the 5% rate category, that are necessities. Elasticity of demand for this group of goods is low. As a result of an increase in disposable income, consumers would increase, relatively more, their demand for goods in the higher rate categories of 18% and 40% that are in the nature of comforts and luxuries. These effects would be revenue augmenting. However, the revenue loss would be immediate and revenue gains would emerge over time.

The GST impact on growth arises from avoiding cascading and promoting better resource allocation. The new rate categories do not fully avoid cascading. For all goods and services which are being placed under the exempt category, no input tax credit would be available and the taxes paid on inputs would be loaded onto the price. Where goods are zero rated or even in the 5% category, many inputs may be taxed at 18%; although input tax credit may be admissible, there may be considerable bottlenecks in claiming input tax credit (ITC). In this context, it is also important to note that the classification of goods under the various rate slabs should be determined by the nature of commodities and not by demand weakness at a certain point in time.

Macro implications

There may be some pressure on the Government of India's budgeted fiscal deficit for 2025-26. In Q1, the nominal GDP growth, at 8.8%, was well below the budgeted GDP growth assumption of 10.1%. With the Consumer Price Index and the Wholesale Price Index both remaining low, the expectation is that unless liquidity is increased in the system, nominal GDP growth may turn out to be well below the budgeted level of 10.1%. In the first four months of 2025-26, the direct taxes have contracted by (-)4.3% as compared to 33.6% growth in the corresponding period of the previous year. At the time the Budget was presented, a revenue foregone figure of ₹1 lakh crore was estimated, arising mainly from personal income-tax reforms. With substantial revenue reduction also anticipated in the GST revenues, the realised gross tax revenues may fall well short of Budget projections. To some extent, the Reserve Bank of India's higher dividends may help.

It is important to see how the government responds to the expected revenue shortfall in 2025-26. The option is to either reduce expenditure or to increase fiscal deficit. States may have to resort to higher borrowing or cut expenditures in view of the revenue losses that they may suffer. Both these options will have an adverse impact on real growth. Monetary initiatives through repo rate reductions or liquidity expansions may result in higher inflation, opening up the possibility of monetising some fiscal deficit. Clearly, there are limits to which this option can be exercised.

Any strategy to support growth through demand stimulation spurred by tax rate reductions can be done only on a few occasions. More generally, growth will be driven by saving and investment rates. In fact, the potential growth rate would depend on the investment rate and the incremental capital output ratio.

The views expressed are personal

While revenue loss would be immediate, revenue gains would emerge over time

Table: Main rate and price changes

Change	Percentage fall in rate	Percentage fall in post-tax price
18% to 5%	13/18 = 72.2%	11%
12% to 5%	7/12 = 58.3%	6.3%
28% to 18%	10/28 = 35.7%	7.8%
18%, 12%, and 5% to nil	100%	15.3%, 10.7% and 4.8%

'Judicial experimentalism' versus the right to justice

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The Supreme Court of India, in *Shivangi Bansal vs Sahib Bansal* (July 22, 2025), endorsed the guidelines by the Allahabad High Court, in *Mukesh Bansal vs State of U.P.* (2022), to prevent the misuse of Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code (now Section 85 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita). The High Court had introduced a two-month 'cooling period' for any coercive action after the registration of a first information report (FIR) or complaint to the magistrate. During the 'cooling period', the matter will be referred to a Family Welfare Committee (FWC). However, both the introduction of the 'cooling period' and the referral of the matter to the FWC undermine a victim's right to prompt access to justice and affects the functional autonomy of the criminal justice agencies.

The basis of the checks

The enactment of Section 498A was with the objective of punishing various forms of cruelty against women in a matrimonial setting. Be that as it may, the courts, in a series of cases, have lamented the increasing tendency by women to misuse the law when it concerns FIR registrations and subsequent arrests. Courts have accordingly established procedural safeguards to protect the 'innocent' husband and his family. The Supreme Court of India, in *Lalita Kumari*, has put cases arising out of matrimonial disputes in the category of 'preliminary inquiry' before the registration of the FIR. The recent criminal law reforms also place cases of cruelty by husband in the domain of 'preliminary enquiry' before registration of the FIR.

In addition to these checks to prevent the registration of an FIR in false or frivolous complaints, the courts have also addressed another area for potential abuse in case of Section 498A – rampant arrests of husbands and their family members. The power of arrest was rationalised at two levels. First, by bringing a statutory change to the Code of Criminal Procedure in 2008, and the second, by judicial dictum in *Arnesh Kumar* (2014). The 2008 amendment introduced the 'principle of necessity' in the matter of arrest. In *Arnesh Kumar*, the Supreme Court effectively plugged the unbridled exercise of arrest powers by the police in cases that saw the use of Section 498A cases, by introducing a checklist and enforcing 'notice for appearance'.

In *Satender Kumar Antil* (2022), the Court further strengthened these institutional checks by directing the release of a person on bail if arrested in non-compliance of the directions in *Arnesh Kumar*.

As an 'arrest offence'

The National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) report, 'Crimes in India', suggests that Section 498A has remained among top five 'highest arrest' offences till 2016. Thereafter, it was within the top 10, which suggests that the steps taken at statutory and institutional levels have had an impact. Although the registered offences under this provision rose from 1,13,403 in 2015 to 1,40,019 in 2022, arrests declined from 1,87,067 to 1,45,095, as in NCRB data during the same period. This was suggestive of safeguarding the liberty of the accused without making compromises with a victim's right to her access to justice.

The proposal to introduce a quasi-judicial committee, alongside a restriction on arrests during a designated cooling period, might prove to be an ambitious step on paper. It may be attributable to the absence of a statutory authority to implement these directives as well as the undefined scope of their jurisdictional applicability. The recent ruling undermines a victim's pursuit of justice by denying her the opportunity to have her complaint addressed in a timely manner.

Despite filing an FIR/complaint, no action can be taken until the "cooling period" concludes, thereby exacerbating the victim's plight even after lodging the complaint. The idea of introducing a 'cooling period' and referring the complaint to the FWC falls outside the ambit of the statutory and institutional framework.

This reminds us of another instance of judicial experimentalism. In 2017, the Supreme Court, in *Rajesh Sharma*, gave similar directions for constituting FWCs and the forwarding of complaints to such FWCs. The one-month period provided to FWCs, in *Rajesh Sharma*, is akin to the 'cooling period' devised by the Allahabad High Court. We should not forget that the directions in *Rajesh Sharma* were not welcomed by the society at large. These were termed 'regressive' and beyond 'judicial competence'. This resulted in the rollback of the directions by the Supreme Court within a year.

A three-judge Bench, in Social Action Forum for *Manav Adhikar* (2018), overturned the directions in *Rajesh Sharma* and restored the victim's right to prompt access to justice and the supremacy of the criminal justice functionaries in the reporting of crimes and the dispensation of justice.

Revisit the ruling

It becomes crucial for the Supreme Court to revisit its ruling as the apprehension surrounding the misuse of the law by the victim and the abuse of power by the police has been addressed through legislative and judicial measures. The act of forwarding complaints to FWCs is beyond legislative intent, against the functional autonomy of the criminal justice agencies and, most importantly, dents the victim's pursuit of justice.

The top court's endorsement of the Allahabad High Court's steps to prevent the misuse of Section 498A IPC affects a victim's pursuit of justice

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Top court ruling

By pausing some key aspects of the contentious amendments to the Waqf Act, the Supreme Court of India has sent a clear and unequivocal message to the ruling dispensation at the Centre about the imperative need to pay scrupulous attention to due process, particularly in subjects that pertain to the religious practices of minorities (Front page, September 16). Though laws enacted by Parliament carry a presumption of constitutional validity, the onus lies on the part of the executive to ensure it does not violate constitutional principles, fundamental rights, and is not arbitrary in nature.

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The Supreme Court took the middle ground on September 15. Judicial pragmatism is evident in this well-balanced order. Instead of directly challenging Parliament, the Court expressed support for reform while being considerate to the concerns of minorities. By doing this, it has aimed to maintain a reasonable level of satisfaction for the community and the government.

The message is clear: efficiency and accountability in waqf management are desirable, but not at the expense of arbitrariness or constitutional rights.

Amir Tyagi Qasmi,
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The Waqf Act, presented as governance reform, is fraught with provisions that deepen disempowerment and impoverishment rather than promote justice. Its most contentious clauses — already stayed by the Supreme Court — require trustees to prove they are practising Muslims and restrict administration bodies to Muslims alone. The proviso demanding proof of practice is particularly absurd, reducing faith and spiritual trust to bureaucratic certification. Meanwhile, the Act's so-called "inclusivity" is itself discriminatory: it thrusts non-Muslims into waqf management, even though no equivalent laws govern non-Muslim endowments, signalling an arbitrary intrusion into community autonomy. The stay on the District Collector's powers is a welcome check on administrative overreach, but the broader judicial stay underscores the Act's structural flaws. Left uncorrected, these measures marginalise progressive voices, concentrate authority, and threaten the charitable potential of waqf assets. The Court must ultimately strike down these provisions and reconsider the Act in full in sync with the popular expectations of the community at large.

M. Jameel Ahmed,
Mysuru

September 14 match

Sport has ceased to be apolitical a long time ago. Our players not shaking hands with their Pakistani counterparts, after having played against them, was not cricket. Such an 'ungentlemanly spectacle' should have been avoided. If Pahalgam continues to be a sore point, India should not have played Pakistan. It is not a surprise that sportspersons have become 'helpless willing pawns' in the hands of politicians.

C.G. Kuriakose,
Kothamangalam, Kerala

"It is not cricket" is a phrase used to describe anything that seems unfair, ungentlemanly or unsportsmanlike. A former Indian cricket captain, in his autobiography, wrote that cricket is a hard game played with a hard bat and hard ball; but it is a game not war. All this seems to have been proven wrong on September 14 during the India-Pakistan match. Long live 'the cricket' we knew.

R. Raman,
Varanasi

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Making health care safe for every Indian

On September 17, the world observes World Patient Safety Day. This is a reminder that the basic promise of health care continues to elude us. Globally, estimates show that one in ten patients experience harm while receiving care during hospitalisation, and this number rises to four in ten in outpatient care.

For India, where the burden of disease is rapidly shifting to chronic conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and mental health disorders, the challenge is especially urgent. These conditions demand long-term frequent treatment, creating more points where safety lapses can occur. In acute care, where the complexity of treatment requires multiple specialities to come together, medical harm happens when there is insufficient coordination.

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Many faces of patient harm

Patients are usually vulnerable in more complex situations, such as hospital-acquired infections, blood clots, or even unsafe injection or transfusion practices. However, patient harm can also show up in everyday situations, such as unintentional prescription of inappropriate medicine combinations, delayed diagnoses, or preventable falls.

Hospitals across India are placing higher standards on delivery, by instituting quality audits, developing protocols, running staff trainings, and strengthening infection control alongside patient safety. In practice though, systems designed to protect patients are still vulnerable to breakdowns. From the health-care provider's side, doctors, nurses, and staff often operate under extreme pressure. Staff attrition, heavy patient loads, long shifts, and inadequate staffing mean that even when they want to engage fully with every patient, time and fatigue become serious constraints. In India, unsafe care persists because of a two-way gap – overburdened providers and passive uninformed patients hesitant to ask questions. Closing this gap requires shifting mindsets, where patients must be empowered to become active partners in care, and health-care systems must welcome and enable their participation.

In India, unsafe care persists because of overburdened providers and passive uninformed patients hesitant to ask questions

A shared responsibility

Patient safety cannot rest on the shoulders of doctors and nurses alone. Families and patients themselves play a vital role, by asking questions, maintaining personal health records, reporting adverse drug reactions, and following safe practices at home, including not self-medicating.

In recent years, India has taken important steps to build this ecosystem. The National Patient Safety Implementation Framework (2018-25) lays out a roadmap, from adverse event reporting to embedding safety into clinical programs. Professional networks like the Society of Pharmacovigilance, India monitor and report adverse drug reactions nationwide. The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) has raised benchmarks for patient safety by auditing and embedding practices for infection control, patient rights, and medication management. Yet, far less than 5% of hospitals in India have earned full accreditation.

Civil society has also stepped up. The Patient Safety & Access Initiative of India Foundation works on strengthening regulatory clarity of medical devices. Another non-profit, the Patients for Patient Safety Foundation reaches 14 lakh households weekly on safe health practices. It also equips over 1,100 hospitals and 52,000 professionals.

This responsibility can extend further to the media to shape public understanding by highlighting both failures and successful safety models. Higher education institutions can build safety awareness early; corporates can extend workplace programs and fund safety campaigns through CSR. Even technology innovators have a role by designing workflows that flag harmful drug interactions or aid communication during care.

Building a culture of safety

The WHO Global Patient Safety Action Plan provides a blueprint for integrating safety into all levels of health-care systems. One proven mechanism is the establishment of Patient Advisory Councils (PACs) to bring patient voices into hospital decision-making. Case studies from high-income countries show PACs improving safety, communication and trust. India can pilot and scale this model, adapting them to local realities.

As India approaches the final stretch of the National Patient Safety Implementation Framework (2018-25), governments must renew focus, mobilise resources, incorporate patient safety into medical and nursing education, and close the gap between policy and practice. Hospitals, too, must rise to the challenge, by meeting accreditation standards, embracing PACs, and co-developing technology solutions for catching errors early.

This year's focus on safe care for every newborn and every child reminds us that we need to safeguard care from the very first breath of life.

True patient safety requires integrated action across the entire ecosystem. We need to move beyond isolated efforts and build a national patient safety movement. On this World Patient Safety Day, let us make this a shared mission, with governments, hospitals, patients, and civil society working together to make safe care an everyday reality of health care in India.

With inputs from Som Mittal, Chairperson, Patients for Patient Safety Foundation (PFPSF), former Chairperson Nasscom and Nadira Chaturvedi, Co-Chairperson, PFPSF

Too many cooks, no one to stir the pot

Delhi at the crossroads of administration and accessibility

STATE OF PLAY

Somya Jain

The year 2025 is shaping up to be a milestone for accessible (disabled-friendly) public buildings in Delhi. The Central government's Sugamya Yatra Abhiyan for accessibility audits and awareness has reached the national capital. Meanwhile, the Delhi government has announced its ambitious "Purple City" plan to make public buildings accessible. This makes it the perfect moment to examine how Delhi, so uniquely complex in its administrative structure, actually fares when it comes to making accessibility a reality.

Unlike most Indian cities, Delhi's governance is a dense web of central, State, and municipal bodies, all exercising simultaneous control over different aspects of the city, including its public buildings.

For example, some departments fund and administer public buildings – the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs oversees the construction of the Parliament building, Indian Railways administers railway stations, and Delhi's Education Department funds the construction of government schools. Central and State public works departments handle construction and maintenance. Local bodies like the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), and Delhi Development Authority (DDA) are responsible for constructing buildings, granting permits and completion certificates.

However, when it comes to accessibility, this fragmented structure creates a perfect storm of confusion among departments. It begins with the basics: is a department's role for ensuring accessibility even defined in law? Do officials within that department know they have such a responsibility? Are the boundaries of their jurisdiction clear, or do they assume the task falls to another department? This is the crux of Delhi's public building accessibility knot. Here's an attempt to untangle it.

Is accessibility codified?

In the simplest terms, yes. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPWDA) mandates all new constructions and existing public buildings to comply with accessibility standards set by the Central government. Further, Delhi's Unified Building Bye-Laws, 2016 (UBBL) also includes an entire chapter on accessibility. The UBBL requires local bodies (MCD, NDMC, and DDA) to issue permits and completion certificates only after confirming compliance with its provisions.

On clarity of roles

After the RPWDA came into force in 2016, most departments issued internal directives for its compliance. The same year, the UBBL was introduced which is considered the primary reference point for all construction in Delhi. So, at the very least, one would assume officials are aware of these mandates. On the ground, the reality seems a bit different. In *Nipun Malhotra vs GNCTD (2018)*, the Delhi High Court observed limited awareness among civic authorities regarding the rights and challenges of persons with disabilities. Similarly, in a case concerning inaccessible markets in South Delhi, the Delhi State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities noted that civil engineers and architects require basic training on accessibility.

Jurisdictional boundaries

As recently as August 2025, the Delhi High Court, in a case concerning waterlogging, highlighted the absence of coordination and accountability among the MCD, Delhi Jal Board, Delhi Public Works Department (Delhi PWD), and DDA. This issue also percolates into accessibility. In *Himanshu Goswami vs University of Delhi (2018)*, the court noted that when public infrastructure in North Campus was found to be inaccessible, some elements were claimed to fall under the MCD's jurisdiction, while others under the Delhi PWD, resulting in fragmented and delayed implementation.

This may appear to be a common governance challenge across India, but in the context of accessibility, the stakes are much higher, as inaccessible public buildings limit participation of persons with disabilities in everyday activities. An efficient coordination mechanism is crucial in Delhi, to ensure responsibilities are not shuffled endlessly and initiatives are executed in harmony, with clarity on who will implement, who will fund and who will monitor compliance. With Delhi's recent pledge to become a model city for inclusion, this is the moment to take decisive action.

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Indians blame the political system, not their politicians

Indians make up one of the highest shares of respondents who want complete systemic change

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team

A recent survey by the Pew Research Center shows that a majority of Indians feel the need for major changes in their political systems. On the other hand, more than two-thirds of the Indians surveyed believe that their elected officials are honest, ethical, and well-qualified.

More than 50% of respondents in most of the 25 surveyed countries said their political system needs major changes or complete reform. More than 70% of the surveyed Indians said their political system needs major changes or complete reform, with 34% of people vouching for complete reform. **(Chart 1)**

Respondents differed when asked about their confidence in such changes taking place. For instance, while a large majority of respondents from South Korea (87%) expressed a need for political reform, more than half of the people surveyed were not confident that those changes could be made. However, of those respondents who want political change, Indians make the largest share of those who are confident that these changes can be made. The share of respondents who were not confident that their systems could change was the lowest in India. **(Chart 2)**

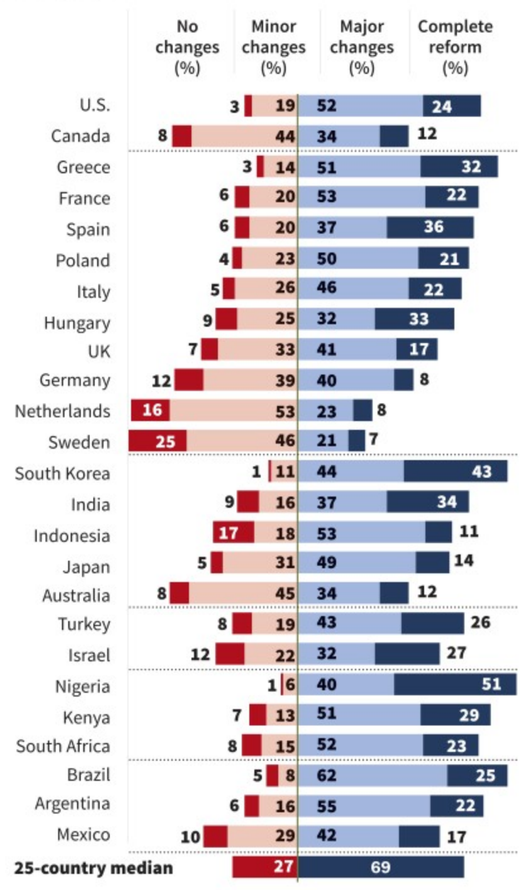
While expressing a need for systemic change, a majority of Indians held positive views about their elected officials. The survey asked adults in 25 countries to rate select characteristics among the elected officials in their country **(Chart 3)**.

Only one in three respondents from India, Japan, and the Netherlands negatively rated their elected officials. It should be noted that smaller shares of respondents from Japan and the Netherlands believed that political reform was necessary, contrary to India.

Consensus on change

The data for the charts were sourced from PEW Research Center's survey titled, "People Around the World Want Political Change, but Many Doubt It Can Happen"

Chart 1: The share (%) of respondents who say the political system in their country needs varying amounts of changes. Those who did not answer are not shown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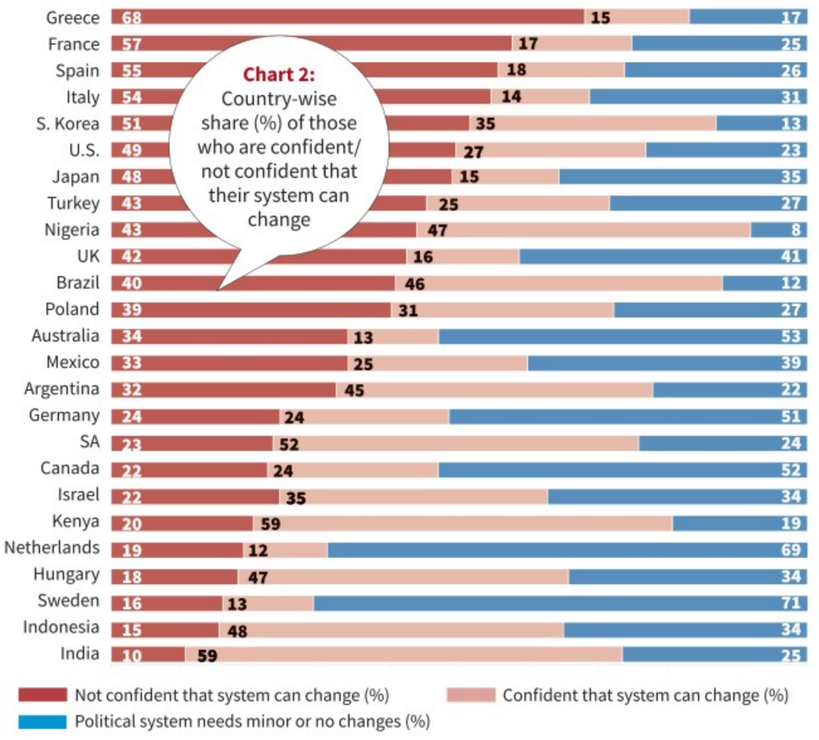
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Brazil 40 46 12
Poland 39 31 27
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Mexico 33 25 39
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Germany 24 24 51
SA 23 52 24
Canada 22 24 52
Israel 22 35 34
Kenya 20 59 19
Netherlands 19 12 69
Hungary 18 47 34
Sweden 16 13 71
Indonesia 15 48 34
India 10 59 25
Not confident that system can change (%)
Confident that system can change (%)
Political system needs minor or no changes (%)

Chart 3
Country-wise share (%) of respondents who say few or none of the elected officials in their country show the given characteristics

	Are honest	Understand needs	Focus on problems	Are ethical	Well-qualified	Avg.
U.S.	53	54	48	48	40	48
Canada	33	26	29	23	20	26
Greece	78	73	69	68	63	70
Italy	56	62	60	56	57	58
Spain	52	51	52	46	48	50
Poland	49	45	45	42	42	45
France	45	50	41	37	33	41
Germany	45	44	39	34	37	40
Hungary	46	42	40	40	26	39
UK	41	40	39	31	31	37
Netherlands	31	30	32	25	27	29
Sweden	31	30	22	22	27	26
Australia	45	46	38	38	36	41
South Korea	38	34	33	34	34	34
Indonesia	37	34	30	23	26	30
India	33	31	27	27	23	28
Japan	28	32	27	25	24	27
Turkey	51	56	51	50	46	51
Israel	47	46	37	39	31	40
Kenya	63	64	58	56	55	59
Nigeria	68	56	62	48	48	56
South Africa	52	49	47	45	43	47
Brazil	67	60	62	64	56	62
Argentina	60	54	49	52	46	52
Mexico	56	52	47	52	44	50

1 This analysis focuses on views in 25 countries across the Asia-Pacific region, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America and sub-Saharan Africa

2 For non-U.S. data, this analysis draws on nationally representative surveys of 28,333 adults conducted from Jan. 8 to April 26, 2025

Source: Spring 2025 Global Attitudes Survey
Report by Richard Wike, Janell Fetterolf, Jonathan Schulman and Sofia Hernandez Ramones.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 17, 1975

Soviet Support to Rights of Palestinians

From Batuk Gathani
LONDON, Sept. 16.
The Soviet leaders are making a fresh bid to unify the Arabs, push back Israel to pre-1967 borders and create a Palestine State.
The Russians feel hopelessly frustrated and in Kremlin's eyes, if the Egyptian President, Mr. Anwar Sadat continues in power goes with Dr. Kissinger all the way then a final settlement in West Asia can weaken the Soviet position in the area.
While most West Europeans regard the Sinai agreement initiated by the United States Secretary of State, Dr. Kissinger, as essentially "a fragile arrangement of a temporary nature," Moscow broadcasts in Arabic of the last few days leave no one in doubt that Russia is calling upon Egyptian leftists to stage a coup d'etat in Cairo. Hence it is that Mr. Sadat rebuked Moscow last night for stirring up Arab discord. He accused the Russians of pulling the strings for all the "comedies" now being played out in the Arab world.
The "comedies" were being acted by the Syrian Baath Party to cover up its internal difficulties he said and added that the Syrians were using the Palestinian cause as a "placard". Mr. Sadat said that the Palestinian leader, Mr. Yasser Arafat, also fell for such a comedy.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 16, 1925
NO ISSUE DATED SEPTEMBER 17

The Currency Commission

Work to begin in London
Two months for taking evidence in India
(Reuter's Agency)
LONDON, Sep. 15.
It is now arranged that Commander Hilton Young, Sir Henry Strankosch, Sir Reginald Mant and Mr. Preston will leave for Bombay on 5th November and will be preceded by a fortnight by Mr. Baxter, Joint Secretary. The six members of the Currency Commission now in India will join them and the Commission will be formally constituted and a questionnaire issued.
It is hoped that the taking of evidence in India will not last longer than two working months, enabling the Commission to reach London in the latter part of February to take further evidence before reaching conclusions.

From Page One

13 dead as rain, flash floods hit Dehradun

A student is being rescued by SDRF teams amid waterlogging in Dehradun on Tuesday. ANI

"Sad news has been received that some shops were damaged due to heavy late at night in Sahastradhara, Dehradun. The administration, SDRF, and police are on the scene, engaged in relief and rescue operations. I am in constant contact with the local administration and personally monitoring the situation. I pray to God for everyone's safety," the Chief Minister wrote on social media platform X.

Uttarakhand has witnessed extensive damage in the monsoon season this year. The Garhwal region has been worst hit, where flash floods engulfed Dharali village in Uttarkashi district, leaving one dead and 68 missing for the past 50 days.

Prime Minister Modi has announced financial assistance of ₹1,200 crore for Uttarakhand although the State has assessed that floods have caused a loss of around ₹7,500 crore.

'Israel is committing genocide in Gaza'

After the report was published, UN rights chief Volker Turk said it was up to the courts to determine whether genocide was taking place, but warned: "We see the evidence mounting."

The commission published its latest report nearly two years after the war erupted in Gaza following Hamas's October 7, 2023, attack inside Israel. Israel's retaliatory campaign has displaced virtually the entire Gaza population and has killed nearly 65,000 people, according to figures from the health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza that the UN considers reliable.

The report came as Israel on Tuesday launched a ground assault on Gaza City, where the UN has declared a full-blown famine.

The commission concluded that Israeli authorities and forces had since October 2023 committed "four of the five genocidal acts" listed in the 1948 Genocide Convention.

These are "killing members of the group, causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group, deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part, and imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group".

The investigators said explicit statements by Israeli civilian and military authorities and their patterns of military action "indicated that the genocidal acts were committed with intent to destroy... Palestinians in the Gaza Strip as a group".

They concluded that Israeli President Isaac Herzog, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defence Minister Yoav Gallant have "incited the commission of genocide and that Israeli authorities have failed to take action against them to punish this incitement".

India and U.S. to push for early trade deal

In a separate statement, the U.S. Embassy spokesperson said that Mr. Lynch had a "positive meeting" in Delhi with Mr. Agrawal to "discuss next steps in bilateral trade negotiations".

"Acknowledging the enduring importance of bilateral trade between India and the U.S., the discussions were positive and forward looking covering various aspects of the trade deal," the Commerce Ministry said in a statement. "It was decided to intensify efforts to achieve early conclusion of a mutually beneficial Trade Agreement," it added.

The statement, however, stopped short of disclosing the date of the next round of formal negotiations.

The meeting on Tuesday, Mr. Agrawal had clarified on Monday, was not an official round of negotiations, but a meeting to discuss how to take the talks forward.

According to sources in the Commerce and Industry Ministry, the talks will now continue virtually once the U.S. team returns home.

Foreign drug dealers must be tried under Indian law: Shah

Minister says the trend of synthetic drugs is likely to spread and anti-narcotics task force heads in every State must remain vigilant and destroy laboratories manufacturing such substances

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said a "liberal approach" to deportation processes should be adopted to ensure a mechanism for deporting criminals, particularly those involved in narcotics trade. He said that the time had come to bring those running narcotics trades from abroad within the ambit of Indian law.

Cracking down: Home Minister Amit Shah at the Second National Conference of ANTF of States and UTs in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

Pointing out the work done by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the Minister urged anti-narcotics task force (ANTF) heads of the States to coordinate with the CBI Director and establish a robust extradition system that was effective not only against drugs but also against terrorism and gang-related offences.

Mr. Shah said that just as extradition was crucial, a practical approach to deportation is equally important.

He emphasised the need for a joint mechanism involving the Narcotics Control Bureau, CBI, and State police to bring back foreign criminals and fugitives involved in drug trafficking.

Addressing the inaugural session of the second National Conference of the heads of ANTFs of States and Union Territories, the Home Minister said that the National Narcotics Coordination Portal (NCORD) played a decisive role in the Drug-free India campaign, and its success depends on the sensitisation of every district, its police, and education officers. He said that while the number of district-level NCORD meetings had increased, 272 districts in the country had not held a single meeting.

Synthetic drugs menace

The Home Minister warned that the trend of synthetic drugs and laboratories was likely to increase in the coming days. He urged the ANTF heads in every State to remain vigilant, identify and destroy such laboratories and synthetic drugs. He acknowledged significant progress in this area over the past year but stressed the need to prevent the establishment of such facilities.

The Minister said that 1,37,917 kg of seized drugs worth about ₹4,800 crore were destroyed at 11 locations across the country on Tuesday.

Mr. Shah said there must a scientific tradition of destroying seized drugs every three months in every State, as drugs in police custody pose a danger.

India-Pak. border sees a sharp rise in drone-driven drug smuggling cases

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

There has been a dramatic increase in the drone-driven drugs drops along the India-Pakistan border in Punjab, with the number of seizures skyrocketing from just three cases in 2021 to 179 in 2024, according to the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) annual report released on Tuesday.

A drone with a pistol and two magazines were recovered during a search operation in Tarn Taran district of Punjab.

"The use of drones for cross-border smuggling of narcotics has emerged as a significant threat to India's internal security, particularly along the Indo-Pak border in Punjab...there has been a sharp increase in drone sightings and recoveries of narcotics in border districts such as Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Ferozpur, and Gurdaspur. In 2024, the number of such seizures rose manifolds reaching 179 cases as compared to 3 cases in 2021. The recovered consignments often include heroin, opium, etc.," the report said.

The drug law enforcement agencies, it said, had instituted 96,930 cases across India and arrested more than 1.22 lakh people, including 660 foreign nationals from more than 36 countries, last year.

The agencies confiscated about 13,306 quintals of narcotic substances. Cannabis, in various forms, accounted for about 41% of total seizures (5,40,810 kg) and opiates, including heroin, about 39%. In 2023, they had registered over 1.09 lakh cases and arrested 1,32,954 individuals.

Last year, the NCB registered 417 cases and arrested 588 accused compared with 375 cases and 574 arrests in 2023. It made seizure of various narcotics including 17,420 kg of ganja, 3,391 kg of hashish, 170 kg of heroin, 11,376 kg of acetic anhydride (precursor chemical for heroin processing), and 88 kg of cocaine besides other drugs/narcotics. While the agency filed 288 complaints, the number of NCB cases pending trial was 2,509 as on December 31. In 110 cases, it secured favourable judgments amounting to a 60.77% conviction rate.

The NCB has registered 96 cases between 2020 and 2024 involving the darknet and cryptocurrencies.

The report said coastal routes are now being exploited for smuggling of synthetic drugs and precursors. "India's strategic location in the Indian Ocean region positions it as a key transit hub for Afghan heroin trafficked via the southern route. The 'Death Crescent (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran)' remains the primary source of heroin, ATS (Amphetamine-Type Stimulants) and hashish entering the country through western coast, while the 'Death Triangle (Myanmar, Thailand, Laos)' serves as the main supplier of synthetic drugs, particularly methamphetamine smuggled through India's eastern coast." In 2024, 1,483 kg of cocaine was seized, a staggering increase of about 78 times more than the quantity seized in 2020 and about five times higher than in 2023.

Foodgrain, fruit, and vegetable yield rose this year: Agriculture Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said on Tuesday that foodgrain output as well as fruit and vegetable production had seen a significant rise this year from those of the previous year.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan

He was speaking to presspersons after a two-day National Conference on Agriculture - Rabi Campaign, a joint meeting between the Union and State Agriculture Departments to prepare the road map for the upcoming winter seasonal crops.

"The Central government has set a production target of 362.5 million tonnes for 2025-26, up from 341.55 million tonnes last year. The country's total foodgrain production reached 353.96 million tonnes in 2024-25, an increase of 21.66 million tonnes (6.5%) over the previous year. The country achieved a record harvest in key crops such as rice, wheat, maize, groundnut, and soybean. This output was 12.41 million tonnes higher than the set target of 341.55 million tonnes," Mr. Chouhan said.

The conference discussed topics such as climate resilience; quality seeds, fertilizers, pesticides; horticulture, and natural farming. It also decided to boost pulses and oilseeds productivity and focus on integrated farming systems.

He said the Centre and States will continue their coordinated efforts to ensure agricultural growth and farmers' welfare.

On the flood situation, he said the government is making every possible effort to assist those affected in States such as Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Assam, and parts of Haryana. "The Centre will leave no stone unturned in supporting the States/Union Territories," the Minister said, adding that efforts are being made to ensure timely and adequate disbursal of insurance benefits to farmers covered under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

'Illegal betting app' case: ED summons Yuvraj, others

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned actor Sonu Sood and former cricketers Yuvraj Singh and Robin Uthappa for recording their statements in connection with the 1xBet "illegal betting app" case, according to sources.

While Mr. Uthappa has been summoned on September 22, Mr. Singh has been asked to appear on September 23, and Mr. Sood on September 24 at the ED headquarters in Delhi. On Monday, the agency quizzed former MP Mimi Chakraborty in the same case, in which actor Ankush Hazra joined the probe on Tuesday.

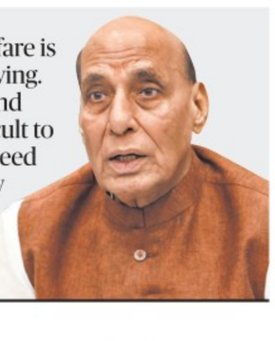
However, sources said, actor Urvashi Rautela is yet to appear before the probe team.

Rajnath Singh urges armed forces to be ready for unconventional threats

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday exhorted the armed forces to remain alert and ready to counter "invisible" challenges from information, ideological, ecological, and biological warfare.

> The nature of warfare is continuously evolving. Wars today are so sudden and unpredictable that it is difficult to foretell their duration. We need to ensure our surge capacity remains sufficient
> **RAJNATH SINGH**
> Defence Minister



Addressing the Combined Commanders' Conference, 2025 in Kolkata, he said the turbulent global order, regional instability and evolving security landscape demanded constant assessment and preparedness.

Evolving warfare

"The nature of warfare is continuously evolving. Wars today are so sudden and unpredictable that it is difficult to foretell their duration. We need to ensure our surge capacity remains sufficient," Mr. Singh said, highlighting the importance of a "technology-friendly" military.

Panel set up

Calling India's defence sector an amalgamation of offensive and defensive capabilities, he urged commanders to work towards building the Sudarshan Chakra vision articulated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. A committee had been set up to prepare a medium-term (five-year) and long-term (10-year) road map for the project.

The Minister underlined the government's focus on modernisation, operational readiness, technological superiority and credible deterrence, reiterating Mr. Modi's mantra of "JAI (Jointness, *Aatmanirbharta*, Innovation)."

He pushed for deeper collaboration with industry and academia to develop future-ready technologies and expand private sector participation in defence innovation.

Highlighting initiatives such as the Tri-Service Logistics Nodes and a Tri-Service Logistic Management Application, Mr. Singh said greater synergy and civil-military fusion were vital to meet emerging challenges.

Three pillars

Referring to Operation Sindoor, he said it demonstrated that "strength, strategy, and self-reliance" were the three pillars that would define India's power in the 21st century.

Commending the armed forces for their professionalism and courage, Mr. Singh said: "Today, we have the capability to face any challenge with indigenous platforms and systems coupled with the indomitable spirit of our soldiers. This is the real strength of *Aatmanirbhar Bharat*."

Committee on simultaneous polls to meet economists

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on reviewing legislation aimed at introducing simultaneous polls will be meeting economists Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Arvind Panagariya, and Surjit S. Bhalla in its next meeting scheduled for September 24.

The panel chairman and senior BJP leader, P.P. Chaudhary, said that the panel wanted to review the economic implications of simultaneous elections. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in April that India's GDP would increase by 1.5% with simultaneous polls.

Former President Ram Nath Kovind, who chaired the high-level committee on simultaneous elections, quoted similar figures.

Arrested officer amassed wealth 400 times more than income: Assam CM

Press Trust of India
GUWAHATI

An Assam Civil Service (ACS) officer, arrested for allegedly possessing wealth disproportionate to her income, had amassed assets 400 times more than her known sources of income, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Tuesday.

Penal measures beyond suspension or dismissal from the job were being pursued to ensure that the officer was held accountable in accordance with the law, Mr. Sarma said.

Nupur Borah was arrested by the CM's Special Vigilance Cell after searches at her residences led to the recovery of over ₹92.5 lakh in cash, and ornaments worth nearly ₹1.5 crore on Monday. Ms. Borah was posted as Circle Officer in Goraimari in Kamrup district at the time of her arrest.

"She had amassed wealth 400 times more than her known sources of income. We think that not just suspension or dismissal from the job would suffice. We have to ensure penal measures through the legal process," Mr. Sarma told presspersons on the sidelines of a programme in Baksa district. Several others were also involved, and they were being questioned, the CM said.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), CM's Special Vigilance Cell, Rosie Kalita, said in Guwahati that Ms. Borah had been arrested on the basis of a preliminary inquiry.

APPEAL

Muthuselvi is 6 years old suffering from Large ASD, MOD-PAH advised to undergo ASD Device closure (Heart Surgery) at Public Health Centre, Chennai. The total expenditure is **Rs.2,00,000/-** Her father is a daily wage earner and they are not in a position to meet the cost of the treatment. Please help her to undergo the surgery and lead a healthy life. The donations sent through Ch/D.D/M.O/NEFT Transfer & GOOGLE PAY (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/C. No.60182010063310, IFSC No.CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT.

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Trump dials Modi, extends greetings on 75th birthday

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday dialled Prime Minister Narendra Modi and extended greetings on his 75th birthday, in a significant gesture seen as part of Washington's efforts to reset ties with New Delhi.

In a social media post, Mr. Modi said, like Mr. Trump, he was "fully" committed to taking the India-U.S. Comprehensive and Global Partnership to "new heights". "Thank you, my friend, President Trump, for your phone call and warm greetings on my 75th birthday," he said. "We support your initiatives towards a peaceful resolution of the Ukraine conflict," Mr. Modi added.

Mr. Trump said he had a great call with his "friend". "Just had a wonderful phone call with my friend, Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I wished him a very Happy Birthday! He is doing a tremendous job. Narendra: Thank you for your support on ending the War between Russia and Ukraine!...," he said on his social media account.

The U.S. President's phone call came a day before the PM's 75th birthday.

BJP to screen film on PM in all Bihar Assembly constituencies

Party leaders flag off vans to show '*Chalo Jeete Hain*' at over 50,000 places in poll-bound State to mark Modi's birthday; State unit will also conduct blood donation and public service programmes

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

To mark Prime Minister Narendra Narendra Modi's birthday, the Bihar unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will screen a short film on his early life, '*Chalo Jeete Hain*' (Come, let's live), in all 243 Assembly constituencies of the poll-bound State.

For this purpose, the party despatched 243 vans, each with a large screen, from Gandhi Maidan here on Tuesday, the eve of Mr. Modi's birthday.

BJP State president Dilip Kumar Jaiswal, Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, Bihar in-charge Vinod Tawde, Health Minister Mangal Pandey and Union Minister Nityanand Rai flagged off the vans.

Valuable lessons: BJP leaders flagging off the special vans from Gandhi Maidan in Patna on Tuesday on the eve of PM's birthday. ANI

'Chariots' on the go

"These chariots will work to spread the message of service and dedication through the film *'Chalo Jeete Hain'*, based on the inspirational childhood of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in all the Assembly constituencies, so that every citizen can take inspiration from his life full of service, struggle and determination," Mr. Jaiswal said, after flagging off the vans.

The synopsis of the short film says that as a young boy, Mr. Modi was inspired by Swami Vivekananda's quote, "Only those who live for others, actually live."

'Inspirational film'

Mr. Choudhary said the film would inspire the common man as it showed that even a poor man's son could become the Prime Minister. He appealed to the people to spread this message to every household.

Apart from the screening, blood donation and various public service programmes will be organised under the '*Seva Pakhwada*' (service fortnight) in the State from September 17 to October 2. "The Modi government has taken many historic steps to provide relief to the public. Earlier, there was a tax [GST] on roti, bread and paratha, which was abolished by Modi*ji*. Today, the country is moving towards a new India under his leadership," Mr. Choudhary said.

"Through the short film and service programmes, the stories of PM Modi's simplicity, struggle and fighting spirit will be taken to every village and every home. A deeper dialogue will be established between the party workers and the public," he added.

Mr. Rai said these "chariots" would reach every corner of Bihar, and the film would be screened at more than 50,000 places.

Mr. Rai, the Lok Sabha MP for Ujiarpur and former Bihar BJP president, said: "It is not a film but reality, the reality which Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lived as a child. The journey to reach the post of Prime Minister was never easy for him. His childhood was spent in poverty and difficulties, but Modi*ji* never gave up."

He said Mr. Modi took the adverse circumstances as a challenge and entered the political field so that the coming generations do not face these difficulties.

Tejashwi launches 'Bihar Adhikar Yatra', vows to usher in crime-free State

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and former Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejahwi Yadav on Tuesday launched his 'Bihar Adhikar Yatra', terming it a fight against unemployment, inflation and atrocities against women.

During the five-day campaign, he will be travelling to 10 districts of the State that were not covered during the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' led by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

On the road: RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on the first day of 'Bihar Adhikar Yatra', a campaign that will cover 10 districts of the State. X

'Want a new Bihar'

While talking to journalists in Patna before leaving for Jehanabad, Mr. Yadav said: "With a new resolution, we want to build a new Bihar and remove unemployment, inflation and poverty. He asserted that this yatra is for the respect of farmers and labourers and for the safety of mothers and sisters. He also added that the yatra is taken out to set up new factories and industries in Bihar."

On the first day, he travelled to four Assembly constituencies in Jehanabad, Patna and Nalanda districts. Later, he will travel to Begusarai, Khagaria, Madhepura, Saharsa, Supaul, Samastipur, Ujiarpur and will conclude in Vaishali district on September 20.

Mr. Yadav, along with Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Yadav and other senior leaders of the party, travelled on a modified bus and addressed the gathering while standing on the top of the vehicle.

'Run by two Gujaratis'

He first addressed a gathering at Jehanabad Gandhi Maidan and asserted that people want change in Bihar. Attacking the Nitish Kumar government, the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly said that "Bihar is being run by two Gujaratis".

"This time the public is in the mood for change, wherever I am going people are complaining about corruption and crime. Our aim is to give a corruption- and crime-free government to Bihar. This yatra is to give employment to the youth," Mr. Yadav said.

"Now, the State government is being run from Delhi, you all must have seen that, he is no longer the same Nitish Kumar. Two to four people have plotted a big conspiracy against him. When I see him today, it hurts a lot. Nitish Kumar is not running the government, it is being run by two Gujaratis," the RJD leader said, without elaborating further at a public meeting in the Islampur constituency.

'Last concession': SC directs Maharashtra to hold local body polls by Jan. 31, 2026

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday fixed January 31, 2026, as the final deadline for holding the long-pending local body election in Maharashtra, while censuring the State Election Commission (SEC) for its "failure to take prompt action" and adhere to earlier timelines.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi stressed that the extension was being granted as a "one-time concession", and warned that no further extension would be permitted. "Elections of all local bodies, including Zila Parishads, Panchayat Samitis and municipalities, shall be conducted by January 31, 2026. No further extension shall be granted to the State or the State Election Commission. In case any other logistic assistance is required, SEC should approach this court before October 31, 2025. No such prayer will be entertained thereafter," the order stated.

Local body elections in Maharashtra have remained stalled since 2022. FILE PHOTO

The Bench also directed that the ongoing delimitation exercise be completed by October 31, cautioning that it could not be cited as a reason to defer the polls.

Counsel appearing for the poll body submitted that delimitation had been completed for Zila Parishads and Panchayat Samitis, but was still under way for municipalities. The commission sought additional time, citing a lack of electronic voting machines (EVMs), non-availability of school premises during Board examinations, and a shortage of staff. However, these justifications did not find favour with the court.

SC finds amended Waqf law paved with good intentions but pockmarked with arbitrariness

NEWS ANALYSIS

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court judgment in the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 makes a point that a statute, however well-intentioned but couched in "*prima facie* arbitrary" provisions, cannot be used to deprive citizens of their constitutional right to property without due process of law.

The court's zero tolerance to legislative arbitrariness is apparent in its decision to stay the proviso to sub-section (2) of Section 3C of the 2025 Act. The proviso embodied arbitrariness by denuding a Waqf property of its status the moment someone alleges it to be an encroachment on a government property. The proviso is silent on whether prior notice or an opportunity for hearing will be granted to the manager of the Waqf or *mutawalli* before the freeze is imposed on the property.

Second, once the Waqf is frozen, a designated officer of the government will be assigned to conduct an inquiry into whether the property is government-owned or not – "provided that such property shall not be treated as Waqf property till the designated officer submits his report".

No timelines

The amended statute does not contain any timelines or fix a reasonable period for the probe. The officer could drag it on endlessly, leaving the Waqf, which may consist of schools, hospitals, and charitable institutions, "high and dry", maybe for years together.

Again, Section 3C(3) of the amended Waqf Act empowers the designated government officer, ranked above District Collector, to determine the title of the property, which is strictly a function of a competent court or tribunal with room for appeal to the higher courts.

The statute is again mum on whether the aggrieved Waqf management or its representative will be given a fair opportunity to be heard during the inquiry.

To make matters worse, the proviso allows the officer to change the revenue records, thus altering the status of a Waqf property into a government asset, paving the way for *fait accompli* if the Waqf management takes the litigation route in future. Moreover, Section 3C(4) armed the State government with power to instruct the State Waqf Board to delete the property from their records.

The court found the proviso "totally unconstitutional" and *prima facie* arbitrary. Chief Justice of India (CJI) B.R. Gavai, who wrote the judgment, termed the entire process of depriving Waqfs of their status and valuable properties "unilateral".

The judgment said the process, with no means for a judicial application of mind, amounted to an encroachment on the courts' domain and a violation of the doctrine of separation of powers, which is part of the Basic Structure of the Constitution.

Staying the implementation of the proviso of Section 3C(2) and its sub-sections (3) and (4), the judgment held that the status of the Waqf property would remain intact till the dispute is finally decided.

Opposition not united on Bill to remove PM: CPI(M)

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Divergence among the Opposition on joining the parliamentary committee reviewing the 130th Amendment Bill should have been avoided, CPI(M) general secretary M.A. Baby said on Tuesday.

He was addressing a press conference in Delhi at the conclusion of a three-day meeting of the party's highest decision making body, the central committee.

Mr. Baby called the three Bills that allow the removal of the Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, and other Ministers after 30 days in custody as "anti-democratic"

On Opposition parties joining the panel, he said this divergence could have been avoided had the Congress, as lead Opposition party, "consulted everyone and firmed up a position".

Chaitanya Baghel was at 'the apex of liquor syndicate', says ED

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has said that Chaitanya Baghel, son of former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, was the "controller and ultimate authority" of an "organised liquor syndicate" in the State.

In its chargesheet against Mr. Chaitanya, the agency said the syndicate was floated in 2019. "To run the day-to-day operations of this syndicate, Anil Tuteja, IAS officer, and Anwar Dhebar (both named in previous chargesheets) were chosen as the front faces," the chargesheet read.

The ED said Mr. Chaitanya stood at "the apex of this syndicate" and had a "commanding and decisive" role. "He was responsible for maintaining the "*hisab*" (accounts) of all illicit funds... All major decisions relating to collection, channelisation, and distribution of funds were taken under his instructions. His position as the Chief Minister's son made him the controller and ultimate authority of the syndicate," it said.

Chaitanya Baghel being produced in court on Monday.

The agency said it had been established that Mr. Chaitanya handled around ₹1,000 crore generated from the alleged scam.

Mr. Chaitanya was arrested by the agency on July 18.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE
"e" - Procurement Notice for Road Work
Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No.29 for 2025-26
Letter No: - 3196 / Date. 10/09/2025

1. Name of the Work : (MMSY-Improvement to existing RD road and MMSY-TRIP)
2. Total No. of Work : 05 Nos. of Work
3. Estimated Cost : As per Annexure
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : As per Annexure
5. Period of Completion : As per annexure
6. Other Details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E., R.W.Circle, Balasore Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore.	NCB No.29 of 2025-26	18.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	03.10.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.	03.10.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.	04.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

- Further details can be seen from the website : www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Balasore.
O-763: OIPR-25105/11/0083/2526

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Tel.:0671-2304001, Website :www.odishapolice.gov.in; Email: igops.orpol@od.gov.in
Online Bids through e-Tender Portal https://tendersodisha.gov.in are invited from the eligible bidders of Surveillance Ball for Operation Wing, Bhubaneswar during the current financial year, 2025-26 as per the particulars mentioned below.

Sl.No.	Name of Item	Approximate quantity
1	13-RFP-Surveillance Ball-2025-26	02 Nos

Events	Date
RFP Issue Date	15.09.2025
RFP Submission Due Date and time	08.10.2025
Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids	09.10.2025
Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bids	To be intimated to qualified Bidder
Tender Document fee	{Non-refundable Rs.590/- (Rs500/- + 18% GST (Rs.90/-)}In favour of A.I.G. of Police (Prov.), Odisha, Cuttack payable at Cuttack. (Demand Draft)
EMD (Earnest Money Deposit)	Rs.28000/- In favour of A.I.G. of Police (Prov.), Odisha, Cuttack payable at Cuttack. (Demand Draft)

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: https://tendersodisha.gov.in. The Authority reserves the right to accept/ reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BOLANGIR.
e - Procurement NOTICE

1.	Name of Work	: Construction of Weir Adjacent to Bridge over Bijli Nallah on Kalikhet to Lambakani Road in the district of Bolangir for the year 2025-26
2.	No. of Works	: 1 (One)
3.	Time for Completion	: 4 (Four) Calendar Months
4.	Approximate Estimated Cost varies from	: Rs.152.86 lakhs
5.	Mode of Submission of tender	: Tender should be submitted online in www.tendersodisha.gov.in
6.	Other details are as follow	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Bolangir.	BLGR-Online-16/2024-25	18.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	04.10.2025 upto 5.00 P.M.	03.10.2025 upto 5.00 P.M.	06.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	The date will be intimated later on

- Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in
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Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Bolangir
O-756: OIPR-25118/11/0056/2526

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Walk-In Interview

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Date of interview : **25 September 2025**
Time of interview : **10.00 AM**
Venue of interview : Gour Samiti Kaksh
Main Administrative Building
Dr. Harisingh Gour University, Sagar
Website link : **https://dhsgsu.edu.in/recruitment**

Registrar

INBRIEF

Five Bangladeshi students suspended at NIT, Assam

The National Institute of Technology (NIT) in Silchar, Assam, has suspended five Bangladeshi students for their alleged role in campus violence on September 8. The NIT Registrar issued an order on September 12 announcing their "academic suspension along with expulsion from hostel for a period of two semesters from the institute with immediate effect". The suspension is in effect until June 2026, the order read. The NIT officials on Monday said these students were enrolled under the Indian Council for Cultural Relations and study in Indian scholarships. The assault between students lasted for 30 minutes and they were seen carrying rods and knives.

Ahmednagar railway station renamed Ahilyanagar

The Ahmednagar railway station was on Tuesday renamed Ahilyanagar, honouring the legacy of Lokmata Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar. The change comes after the Union Home Ministry cleared a Maharashtra government's proposal issued last week. The station's name is now in sync with the district, which was renamed Ahilyanagar earlier this year, Central Railway officials said. The station code will remain 'ANG'. The decision follows appeals by local groups and citizens as well as a letter by Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar to Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

Top court asks who will decide that a religious conversion is 'deceitful'

Petitioner-advocate seeks a ban on such conversion; NGO's counsel seeks a stay of 'Freedom of Religion' Acts, which, he says, are getting more and more strident as courts grant bail and bring relief to persons accused and arrested under them

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Faith and freedom

The Supreme Court is hearing pleas that have raised questions on the right to faith, marriage and personal liberty in a democracy as State governments bring in strict legislation against unlawful religious conversion

- Some petitioners have opposed the validity of the anti-religious conversion laws across 10 States while others said that the laws work to prevent conversion through allurement, fraud and force
- Senior advocate C.U. Singh, representing an NGO, said that the States had enacted increasingly stringent laws that even make it possible for third parties to file criminal complaints against interfaith couples
- Additional Solicitor-General K.M. Nataraj, on behalf of some States, opposed the pleas for stay on the laws
- The court scheduled the case after six weeks to consider the question of stay after hearing from the States

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked a petitioner seeking a complete ban on "deceitful" religious conversions who exactly will decide whether an inter-faith marriage is fraudulent or not.

Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai agreed with senior advocate C.U. Singh, appearing for an NGO questioning the validity of the increasingly stringent anti-religious conversion laws across 10 States, that the court sits to examine the constitutionality of laws, and not to make laws.

Petitioner-advocate Ashwini Upadhyay said his petition was against religious conversion through allurement and duplicity. Mr. Upadhyay argued that one had the right to propagate religion under Article 25 of the Constitution, but not to convert through fraud or force.

Highlighting the risk his plea posed to the freedom of conscience enshrined in the Constitution, Chief Justice Gavai pointedly asked, "But who would find out that a religious conversion was deceitful or not?"

Mr. Singh, appearing in the case along with senior advocate Indira Jaising and advocate Vrinda Grover, said that States such as Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Jharkhand, and Karnataka had enacted copycat "Freedom of Religion" Acts one after the other, with Rajasthan recently coming up with one.

"The batch of laws are characterised as Freedom of Religion Acts, but they contain everything but freedom. They are virtually anti-conversion laws," Mr. Singh submitted.

He sought a stay of these laws, which were getting more and more strident as courts grant bail and bring relief to persons accused and arrested under them.

The court scheduled the case after six weeks to consider the question of stay of the implementation of the Acts.

Frivolous complaint

Mr. Singh said recent amendments made in these Acts empowered third parties to file criminal complaints against couples in inter-faith marriage. The punishment under these laws included a "minimum 20-year sentence or a maximum of life imprisonment". The bail conditions were on a par with the draconian Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The burden of proof was on the convert to prove that he or she was not forced or "allured" to change faith, senior counsel argued.

"For anybody who marries inter-faith, bail becomes impossible. These are Constitutional challenges... It is not just marriages but any normal church observances or festivals, mobs may come..." Mr. Singh submitted.

Additional Solicitor-General K.M. Nataraj said the case was coming up for hearing after three years, "and suddenly they [the petitioners] are asking for stay".

In 2023, while hearing the case, the court had refused to refer to the Law Commission the question whether "forcible conversion" should be made a separate offence relating to religion under the Indian Penal Code.

The government had even opposed the *locus standi* of the NGO, Citizens for Justice and Peace, represented by Mr. Singh, to move the court against these laws.

Mr. Singh had, however, argued that these State laws amounted to undue interference in a person's right of choice of faith and life partner. He said each State's law was used by the other as a "building block" to make a more "virulent" law for itself.

The petitions have argued that these State laws have a "chilling effect" on the right to profess and propagate one's religion, enshrined in Article 25.

Protests over 19-year-old's death rock Gorakhpur

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

A 19-year-old student preparing for the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) was allegedly shot dead by suspected cattle smugglers in Gorakhpur on Tuesday, leading to massive protests in the area. The deceased, identified as Dileep Gupta, a native of Mahuari Tola in the Pipraich police station limits, was killed while trying to chase cattle smugglers. Angry villagers intercepted one of the vehicles belonging to the suspects and set it ablaze.

Later, villagers blocked the Gorakhpur-Pipraich road for hours, and threw stones at the police who arrived to clear the road. Police personnel from neighbouring police stations, and a unit of the Provincial Armed Constabulary were deployed to control the situation.

"We have registered a complaint under the relevant sections, and five teams have been formed to nab the accused. People are claiming that firing took place, but it doesn't appear that injuries were caused by firing," the senior police official said.

Over 1,300 gifts received by PM to be auctioned

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Tanjore painting of Ram Durbar, a metallic statue of Nataraja and sports memorabilia gifted by India's para-athletes will be among the over 1,300 gifts received by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to be auctioned from Wednesday.

Addressing the seventh edition of the Prime Minister's mementoes e-auction here, Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said items that would be auctioned included paintings, artefacts, sculptures, idols of gods and goddesses, and some sports items.

All proceeds from the e-auction will go to the "Namami Gange" project. The first auction of the Prime Minister's gifts was held in January 2019. The items will be available for bidding on the official portal www.pmmementos.gov.in.

On WHO essential medicines list, GLP-1 drugs for diabetes, weight loss may become cheaper

Ramya Kannan
CHENNAI

Affordable medicine: The WHO move is one step in a series of actions that can lead to lower costs and greater access. GETTY IMAGES

With the World Health Organization (WHO) updating its Model Lists of Essential Medicines (EML) to add the GLP-1 class of drugs for diabetes with associated comorbidities such as obesity, access to these drugs might just become easier. Listing a medicine on the EML is one step in a series of actions that can lead to lower costs, better affordability, and greater access.

The 25th meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines was held from May 5 to 9. It reviewed scientific evidence showing that a group of medicines called glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonists can help people with type 2 diabetes – especially those who also have heart or kidney disease – and concluded that semaglutide, dulaglutide, liraglutide, and tirzepatide would be added to the EML. These drugs are used as glucose-lowering therapy for adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus and cardiovascular disease or chronic kidney disease and obesity.

High price

According to the WHO, the rationale for including these drugs is very clear: diabetes and obesity are two of the most urgent health challenges facing the world today. According to statistics from 2022, over 800 million people live with diabetes, with half going untreated. At the same time, more than one billion people worldwide are affected by obesity, and rates are rising fast especially in low- and middle-income countries.

The prices of these drugs are so high that access is limited. "A large share of out-of-pocket spending on noncommunicable diseases goes toward medicines, including those classified as essential and that, in principle, should be financially accessible to everyone," Deusdedit Mubangizi, WHO Director of Policy and Standards for Medicines and Health Products, says.

Good step forward

While appreciating the move, Anoop Mishra, head, Fortis C-DOC Hospital for Diabetes and Allied Sciences, New Delhi, lends a reality check: "It is a good move; however, in India these types of drugs will benefit only a small number of people, while other life-saving, low-cost essential medicines for diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease, applicable to a large number of people, remain largely unavailable."

On the other hand, V. Mohan, chairman, Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialties Centre (DMDSC), provides an energetic response: "I'm very happy that WHO has included the GLP-1 class of drugs. The fact that even a conservative organisation like the WHO has included these rather expensive drugs in their EML, shows how compelling the evidence is. Apart from the glucose lowering effect, they have tremendous effect on weight reduction and obesity management." He points out that recently, injectible semaglutide has been approved for metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease, associated with weight, and for improving cardio-metabolic health.

R.M. Anjana, managing director, DMDSC, says: "It will surely help improve access and affordability. But will it be useful as a first line drug? This maybe not for everyone...as there are various subtypes of diabetes. But for those in whom it is indicated, it's a good step forward."

At UNHRC, India condemns violation of Qatar's sovereignty

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Arindam Bagchi

India on Tuesday defended Qatar's sovereignty at the UN Human Rights Council. Addressing a UNHRC session in Geneva, India's Permanent Representative Arindam Bagchi referred to the September 9 Israeli bombing of Doha, and said India "unequivocally" condemned the attack.

"India is deeply concerned about the recent attacks in Doha and their impact on the security situation in the region. We unequivocally condemn the violation of the sovereignty of Qatar. Such actions threaten peace, stability, and security not only in the region but across the world," said Mr. Bagchi in his statement, which, however, did not name Israel. India's reiteration of its position on the Israeli strike on Qatar came days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he had called Qatar's ruler Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani and said, "India condemns the violation of the sovereignty of the brotherly state of Qatar. We support resolution of issues through dialogue and diplomacy, and avoiding escalation."

In India's first response, the External Affairs Ministry, in a statement, took note of the "Israeli strikes" and said India was "deeply concerned by this development".

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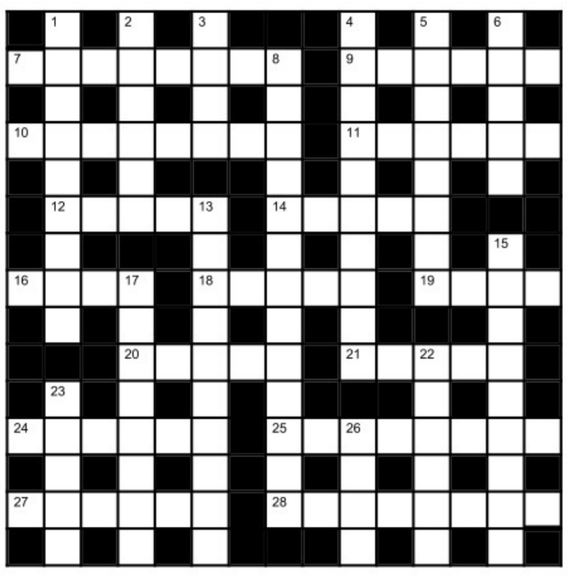

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9 Part for a clever seer (6)
10 British ground is hard and flatter (8)
11 Sex with mostly false name, at a Mediterranean state (6)
12 On the inside, cover some even numbered pages of a book (5)
14 Gloomy dog, died for Hungary (5)
16 Occasionally torture is legal! (4)
18 European wheat stocked by Salem merchants (5)
19 Small time in year (4)
20 Heathen metal in pot (5)
21 Paved area that is open, basically a porch (5)
24 Pizarro yomped inside a dried water channel (6)
25 Dominance of man for example is regressive mentality basically, simply lacks principle of legitimacy (8)
27 Stern and trustworthy stirring up hornet's nest (6)
28 No expert disregards a count (8)

Down

1 Street poet has composed "Love U" (9)
2 Champion's work secret (6)
3 Hard missing Indian city's food shop for meat (4)
4 Someone like Kunal Kamra to undress for a newspaper feature (5,5)
5 Players hosting match, left passes for person facilitating the event (8)
6 Right statement about poor for the audience (5)
8 Withholding a yes to no-frills audio, guys regularly ignored Guthrie and new violinist (6,7)
13 Six balls, good line and the most unexpected development! (10)
15 Trumped-up manic is on! I can't sleep! (9)
17 Old flame, more penurious, left for love for a traveller (8)
22 Instructions about storing black wood (6)
23 Groan about gas! (5)
26 Idlest dig can be digestible (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Temple visits are a must

Archa worship is important, because it helps us focus on an image and not get distracted. But even so, isn't it enough if one worships a *vigraha* or a *salagrama* at home? If these do not confer blessings on us, why do we have small *vigrahas* and *salagramas* at home? When we worship a *salagrama*, we can still get holy water which is offered to the deity. So why take the trouble to go to a temple? A temple visit means we have to spend time commuting. *Salagrama* worship is important and does confer auspiciousness on us. But there are special reasons to go to a temple, said Velukkudi Krishnan in a discourse.

The deity in a temple is there for a specific reason. The Lord might have appeared because He liked the place. Or He might have come down in *archa* form to that place, because some great devotee lived there. For example, in Srivilliputtur, the place where Andal and Lord Rangamannar now give darshan to devotees used to be Periyazhvar's house. In the Sthalasayana Perumal temple in Mamallapuram, the Lord came to honour a sage who scooped out the water in the ocean with just his hands, to reach the Lord reclining in the ocean. The Lord is seen reclining on the ground in this temple, without His snake bed. Can our homes be said to be associated with such legendary sages? Only temples are sanctified by the presence of great rishis. In a temple there are *utsavas* every day. But do we have *utsavas* at home for our *aradhana murthy*? The deities in some temples have been praised by Azhvars and Acharyas and some have been praised by Acharyas alone. This is not the case with our *aradhana murthy*. So, even though one worships *salagramas* at home, one must visit temples.

INBRIEF

MSME welfare body demands cut in GST on pumpsets

The Laghu Udyog Bharati - Gujarat has sought a reduction of GST from 18% to 5% for submersible pumps. The Association said that more than 90% of submersible pumps (HSN: 84137010) are used in the agricultural sector for irrigation and drinking water supply. The GST Council has considered these pumps under industrial-use classification. But, submersible pumps have no industrial application and are used only to pump water from bore wells in rural areas.

Saatvik Green Energy's ₹900-cr. IPO opens Sept. 19

Saatvik Green Energy Ltd. (SGEL) is set to hit the market with a ₹900-crore initial public offering (IPO) on September 19. The price band is between ₹442 and ₹465 per equity share which will be issued in lots of 32. SGEL plans to raise ₹700 crore in fresh issue and the rest via offer for sale. The company plans to use the proceeds to repay borrowings and invest in the 4 GW solar PV module manufacturing facility at Ganjam, Odisha. The issue would close on September 23.

Cyient arm Anora to set up chip test, validation facility

Cyient Semiconductors and Texas-headquartered semiconductor test and validation services firm Anora will establish a semiconductor validation and production test floor in Bengaluru. A partnership the firms announced on Tuesday, to deliver expertise across the semiconductor value chain spanning architecture, design, silicon bring up, qualification and testing, the facility would feature clean room capabilities and equipment to "productise" silicon to volume production.

MMF sector demands lower GST on raw materials

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Textile units recycling PET and the manufacturers of polyester fibre will face inverted duty challenges with the revised GST rates as the entire textile industry is under 5% GST while the raw materials for the manmade fibre (MMF) sector - Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA) and Mono Ethylene Glycol (MEG) and PET scrap - are under 18% slab.

According to B.P. Sultania, former president of the All India Recycled Fibre and Yarn Manufacturers Association, the PET bottle recycling sector has 1,25,000 tonne a month capacity.

Blockage of funds

A majority of the recycled PET fibre is consumed by the textile sector.

With PTA and MEG under the 18% slab, the industry will face challenges as refund will take time and MSMEs will face blockage of funds, he said.

To cut imports, govt. to pick 100 items for local manufacture

The Centre's move is aimed at encouraging private sector to expand its capacity so as to substitute imports with domestic production

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

The government is in the process of finalising a list of 100 products that India imports in large amounts but has domestic capacity to manufacture, a Commerce Ministry official said.

The aim is to support these sectors – which include engineering goods, plastics, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals, among others – and encourage the private sector to expand its capacity so as to substitute imports with domestic production.

"We are focussing on reducing the dependency on certain geographies so that supply-chain disruptions would not happen," the official said, on the condition of anonymity as this exercise has not yet been completed.

Homeward looking: The idea is to focus on the concepts of 'Swadeshi' and 'Atmanirbharta'. THE HINDU

"We are trying to see that our dependency regarding critical items should not be adversely impacted," the official said.

"We have identified about 100 products where we have huge imports and at the same time we have some domestic capacity," he added. "We feel that those imports could be replaced by the domestic capacity by improving the capacity utilisation of those manufacturing facilities within the country."

The idea, he added, was to focus on the concepts of 'Swadeshi' and 'Atmanirbharta'.

'More crude coming from Western Hemisphere'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India has developed resilience to navigate global turbulences, Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said, adding this has been bolstered by "more and more" crude oil coming into the global market from the Western Hemisphere and more gas expected to enter the market from 2026-27.

Referring to the geopolitical scenario, Mr. Puri, speaking at KPMG's annual energy conclave ENRich 2025, stated while the world was undergoing turbulence, "we [India] deal with the issues that we have direct control over but today we have resilience to navigate them partly because there is enough oil available in the world".

India and its oil sector have been facing headwinds triggered by U.S. President Donald Trump's 50% tariffs imposed on Indian products this July.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	82,381	0.73
US Dollar	88.09	0.08
Gold	1,15,100	1.59
Brent oil	68.45	1.51

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2399.40	16.00
Adani Ports	1408.20	13.00
Apollo Hosp	7852.50	36.00
Asian Paints	2480.90	-21.70
Axis Bank	1121.20	16.80
Bajaj Auto	9072.50	47.50
Bajaj Finserv	2080.30	0.30
Bajaj Finance	1003.25	-6.60
Bharat Elec	402.90	4.45
Bharti Airtel	1939.50	35.00
Cipla	1559.00	10.70
Coal India	395.80	1.05
Dr Reddys Lab	1310.40	9.60
Eicher Motors	6927.50	126.50
Eternal Ltd.	327.30	4.00
Grasim Ind	2843.00	40.60
HCL Tech	1483.10	16.60
HDFC Bank	966.85	-0.20
HDFC Life	774.35	-2.85
Hero MotoCorp	5316.00	27.50
Hindalco	755.95	2.30
Hind Unilever	2580.90	-0.10
ICICI Bank	1421.60	2.20
IndusInd Bank	742.25	2.35
Infosys	1511.30	2.90
ITC	413.10	0.45
Jio Financial Servic-es Ltd.	315.45	0.10
JSW Steel	1115.20	14.30
Kotak Bank	2021.70	50.90
L&T	3667.80	81.60
M&M	3608.00	77.70
Maruti Suzuki	15573.00	308.00
NestleIndia	1204.20	-8.30
NTPC	335.05	3.95
ONGC	235.09	2.83
PowerGrid Corp	288.35	2.10
Reliance Ind	1405.30	6.00
SBI Life	1818.80	-3.40
State Bank	831.55	6.80
Shriram Finance Ltd.	618.10	-5.55
Sun Pharma	1610.50	8.50
TataConsumerPro-duct	1092.10	-10.50
Tata Motors	713.25	0.35
Tata Steel	172.02	2.79
TCS	3145.70	33.80
Tech Mahindra	1531.50	11.70
Titan	3556.80	22.70
Trent Ltd.	5147.50	14.50
UltraTech Cement	12578.00	143.00
Wipro	254.01	2.73

Simple Energy makes country's first rare earth free motors

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Initial public offering-bound electric scooter maker Simple Energy on Tuesday said it has started commercially manufacturing the country's first rare earth-free motors at its Hosur, Tamil Nadu, production facility.

Cyberfraud financial losses fell 2/3rds among subscribers: Bharti

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Bharti Airtel Ltd. said on Tuesday its anti-spam safeguards led to a reduction in financial fraud complaints, and "this has been further endorsed by recent information from the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) [under the] Ministry of Home Affairs."

Spam filtering

The company had announced its spam filtering system, which it said relies on AI-based behavioural monitoring of inbound calls, last September.

The firm said this led to a "68.7% decrease in the value of financial losses and a 14.3% drop in overall cybercrime incidents on the Airtel network".

DRL introduces new acidity drug

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories (DRL) introduced South Korean firm HK inno.N Corporation's acid peptic diseases drug Tegoprazan in India.

Pilot unions oppose DGCA's data-based fatigue system

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Pilot unions warn DGCA's fatigue system risks safety by bypassing mandated rest norms

Pilot bodies have rejected the aviation regulator's proposed airline-driven, data-based fatigue monitoring system, accusing it of attempting to bypass court-mandated duty hours and compromising safety, setting the stage for another confrontation.

The comments were part of replies submitted to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) following its September 3 e-mail to airlines and pilot unions seeking responses to a draft advisory on implementing the Fatigue Risk Management System (FRMS). The system, based on airline data, monitors fatigue-related safety risks to ensure crew alertness. Each airline is to develop and monitor its own FRMS.

"The DGCA's proposal to introduce a parallel, 'flexible' FRMS framework via a subordinate instrument like an Operations Circular is deeply disconcerting. The proper and legally mandated instrument for such a fundamental change in safety policy is a Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR), which ensures legislative rigour, transparency, and a statutory right for all stakeholders to be heard through a wide-body consultation process," the Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP) wrote in its reply, reviewed by *The Hindu*. It warned that such a move could result in "degradation of safety".

The objections come months after the Delhi High Court laid down new limits for duty and rest periods. In its February 24 order, the court mandated an increase in weekly rest for pilots from 36 to 48 hours starting July 1, and curtailment of night flying from November 1.

The FIP argued the FRMS was "dangerously premature" for India, pointing out that the International Civil Aviation Organisation requires well-trained inspectors and adequate oversight resources, and has cautioned that without robust regulations and regulatory support, FRMS safety benefits may be jeopardised. The union stressed that DGCA must first demonstrate compliance with the court-ordered norms, which are yet to be fully implemented.

The Airlines' Pilots Association of India (ALPAI) said airlines developing FRMS tools had failed to demonstrate a "just culture", citing instances where pilots reporting fatigue were reclassified as "sick", resulting in loss of pay.

Both unions noted that statistical models used in FRMS, which combine organisational data such as shift length with research on sleep cycles to predict fatigue and alertness, could be manipulated by airlines through selective use of filters.

The unions have demanded that pilot bodies be part of every airline's Fatigue Safety Action Group as well as DGCA-level oversight committees.

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Employment Notification No. WBPDCL/Recruitment/2025/05

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDCL), intends to engage **experienced mining professionals** in the post of **'Overman'** and **'Mining Sirdar'** on **CONTRACTUAL** basis for its Coal Mines spread across West Bengal & Jharkhand.
Detailed specification regarding age, qualification, eligibility criteria, pay etc. are available at our website. Eligible candidates are requested to **APPLY ONLINE only** at the WBPDCL website: www.wbpdcl.co.in (Career Section).
ICA- N 456(6)/2025

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No.KMSCL/ED/22/2025 **Date: 15.09.2025**

E- TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited for the procurement of Anti Haemophilia Drugs vide e-tender no KMSCL/ED/HEAM/RC/2025/023 dtd. 15.09.2023 for Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Kerala.

Sl. No.	Name of Item	Last Date & time of Uploading of tender	Date & time of Technical Bid opening
1.	Anti Haemophilia Drugs	25.09.2025 5.00 pm.	27.09.2025 11.00 am.

Tender documents can be downloaded from the website **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**.
MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

Department of Tourism
Government of Rajasthan
"ParyatanBhawan", Opp. Vidhayakpuri Police Station, Sanjay Marg, M.I.Road, Jaipur
www.tourism.rajasthan.gov.in, email-mktg-dot@rajasthan.gov.in
0141-2822807/838
No.F.3( )Advt./Creative TVCs/DT/2025/9654 Dated: 4/9/25

Notice for Bid No.267/04/09/2025

Bid for selection of Creative Agency working in the field of advertising film making/production of TV commercials and advertisement creative through online open competitive bidding

The Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur invites Bid for selection of Creative Agency working in the field of advertising film making/ production of TV commercials and advertisement creative with proven experience and credential of Creative Agency, as per particulars given below: -

Name of Work	Estimated cost of work (in Rs.) excluding taxes	Bid invited from	Bid Security	Time and last date for submission of bid	Time and date for opening of technical bid
Production of TVCs, Print Creative, Radio Jingle, etc. on turnkey basis	9.50 Crore	04/09/2025	Bid Security @ 2% of bid value i.e. Rs. 19.00 Lakh	24/09/2025 at 3.00 PM	24/09/2025 at 4.00 PM

(Note: Estimated cost of work is tentative and actual work orders and the time schedule for the same will be given as per availability of budget and need of the department)

The E Bid form can be downloaded from www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in (e-procurement portal of the State Government) and www.tourism.rajasthan.gov.in. Duly filled bids can be submitted online latest by 24/09/2025 by 3.00 PM. Bid processing fee of Rs. 2500/-(non-refundable) in favour of MD, RISL, Jaipur and Bid document fee of Rs. 1500/-(non-refundable) in favour of Commissioner, Department of Tourism, Rajasthan, Jaipur will have to be deposited through e-GRAS portal and bid security i.e. Rs. 19.00 Lakh through e-GRAS Challan/DD/BC/BG to the Department before last date and time of submission of bid.

Interested bidders eligible as per qualification criteria may submit their response to the Bid through e-procurement portal www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.

For any other information, you may contact Joint Director, Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur (Tel. No. 0141-2822807/835, Email-mktg-dot@rajasthan.gov.in). For any technical issues related to tender process, please contact ACP (Dy. Director), IT, Department of Tourism, Rajasthan, Jaipur on 0141-2822812 and email -acpdd-dot@rajasthan.gov.in.

UBN No.TOU2526SLRC00036

DIPR/C/13321/2025

(Daleep Singh Rathore)
Joint Director (Mktg)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to general public that my client, **Sri. Prakashanath Swamiji @ Shekarappa S/o. Honnegowda,** Aged about 59 years, Residing at No.CA-17, 1st 'B' Main Road, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040, having lost the Original Release deed document No.8311/2016-17, Book I, CD No.KEND668, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Kengeri, dated 09.02.2017, in respect of Item No.1 & Registered Sale deed document No.No.KEN-I-10401/1993-94, Book I, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Kengeri, dated 23.03.1994, in respect of Item No.II, in respect of the below mentioned Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No.I : All the piece and parcel of the land in **Sy.No.171,** measuring **2 Acres,** situated at **Kumbalagodu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore** and bounded on : **East by : Sy.No.170, West by : Sy.No.172, North by : Private land & South by : Road.**

Item No.II : All the piece and parcel of the land in **Sy.No.168 (Old No.98),** measuring **2 Acres,** situated at Kumbalagodu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.

Sri. Prakashanath Swamiji @ Shekarappa has sworn to an affidavit dated 15.09.2025 before the notary and also has filed a complaint before the Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore, with Lost Report No.1769404/2025 & 1769547/2025, dated 25.08.2025 that effect.

Any persons who found the said documents may please be handed over the same to below mentioned address within **15 days.**

Meenakshi B.R., Advocate
Gururaya Law Chambers
At : # 33, Rayara Kuteera, Varasiddinagar, Andhralli Main Road
Peenya, Bangalore – 560 058.
Mob No. 9113088656,
Email – adv.meena17@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that my clients ("Clients") intends to sell immoveable Property Flat No. 111 on the 1 st floor, having a saleable area of 1400sq.ft., comprised in 'B' block of the multi-storied residential apartment complex viz. "NATASHA GOLF VIEW", presently coming within the jurisdictional limits of the Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and situated at 2, New Ring Road, Domlur, Bangalore-560071, situated at 2, New Ring Road, Domlur, Bangalore-560071 ('Property').

Any person(s) /party(ies) having any right, title, interest or claim in the Property, in any manner or objecting to such transaction may, write to the undersigned with requisite documentary evidence **within Ten (10) days** from the issuance of this public notice, failing which, my Clients shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived and thereafter, no claims / objections / disputes will be entertained.

Any person(s)/party(ies) dealing directly or indirectly with regard to the property or in any other manner shall be doing so at his / her /their own cost, risk and consequences and my Clients shall not be responsible for any such acts.

Prasanna. S, Advocate,
LAW CHAMBERS OF PRASANNA SWAMINATHAN
109, Level-1, Prestige Centre Point,
Cunningham Road, Bangalore – 560 051.
Phone: +91 99860 95950
Email: prasannaswaminathan91@gmail.com

Place: Bangalore
Date: 16th September 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owner **Smt.CHITRA MURALI DEVASIKHAMANI** W/o Sri.D.S.Murali, residing at: No.110/2, Bull Temple Road Cross, Kempegowdanagar, Gavipuram Extension, Bengaluru – 560019.

Apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.110/2, EPID No.5990438784, measuring East to West 47ft and North to South 40ft, in all measuring 1880 Sq.ft, with a building thereon, situated at Bull Temple Cross Road, Kempegowdanagar, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Passage leading to property of Mr.Balasubramanyam and property No.109 of Mr.M.S.Narasimhan
West by : Common Passage
North by : Property of Mr.M.S.Gokul
South by : Road

Sd/- S.F. GOUTAM CHAND, Advocate,
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES,
No.60, 2nd Floor, Old Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Inviting of E-Tender Notice

मंडल रेल प्रबंधक इंजीनियरिंग, उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे जोधपुर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिये एवम उनकी ओर से ई–निविदा के माध्यम से प्रचलित नियमो के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित प्रपत्रों में निविदा निम्न कार्यो के लिए क्रमानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है – **ई–निविदा सूचना सं.2025–26** : 104OF2025-26 **कार्य का नाम व स्थान** : Provision of 10 bed separate barrack for RPF Ladies staff at Merta Road and Provision of 10 bed barrack for RPF staff at Merta Road. **अनुमानित लागत रूपये** : 7234135.05 **बयाने की राशि रूपये** : 144700.00 **ई–निविदा सूचना सं. 2025–26** : 106OF 2025-26 **कार्य का नाम व स्थान** : Improvement to maintenance facilities for various type of rolling stocks in coaching depot Jodhpur **अनुमानित लागत रूपये** : 23207024.25 **बयाने की राशि रूपये** : 266000.00 **ई–निविदा सूचना सं.2025–26** : 107OF 2025-26 **कार्य का नाम व स्थान** : Construction of Road under Bridge subway (1x6.0 x 4.0m) in lieu of manned LC No. 96 (Km 446/4-5), LC No. 99 (Km 450/7-8) & LC No. 112 (Km 463/6-7) on RTGH-DNA Section **अनुमानित लागत रूपये** : 99533339.07 **बयाने की राशि रूपये** : 647700.00 निविदा सूचना सं. **104OF 2025–26** (निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि **30.09.2025** को 15.00 बजे तक) **106OF 2025–26** (निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि **01.10.2025** को 15.00 बजे तक) **107OF 2025–26** (निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि **02.10.2025** को 15.00 बजे तक है। वेबसाइट का विवरण जहां पर ई–निविदा देखी व भरी जा सकती है– **www.ireps.gov.in**

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Canara Bank (A Government of India Undertaking)
Infantry Road Branch, 91, Infantry Road,
Bangalore - 560 001. Ph No 9483521927
Email : cb1927@canarabank.com

Dated : 15.09.2025

To the Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagor:
1. M/S MUSIKING Represented by Prop.MR DANNY PETERSON
NO 125, 1ST FLOOR, GOLDEN ARCADE, OPP GARLAND BAR AND RESTAURANT, BANASWADI MAIN ROAD,BENGALURU – 560043.
2.MR DANNY PETERSON PROPRIETOR OF M/SMUSIKING S/O V PETERSON,
8 HIS GRACE 1ST MAIN ASHEERWADCOLONY, HORAMAVU MAIN ROAD
BENGALURU – 560043
3. MRS ELIZABETH MALATHY GUARANTOR TO M/S MUSIKING
8 HIS GRACE 1ST MAIN ASHEERWADCOLONY,HORAMAVU MAIN ROAD,BENGALURU – 560043

SUBJECT: Notice for exercising the right of redemption under Section 13 (8) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, **Infantry Road Branch**, BENGALURU (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Act do hereby issue this notice, under Section 13(8) of the Act read with Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Rules, to you all as under:

As you all are aware that the secured creditor had issued the Demand Notices, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on **19-06-2025** to the borrower **1 M/s MUSIKING 2. Mr.Danny Peterson 3. Mrs.Elizabeth Malathy (Mortgagor Guarantor) (name of Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor),** the mortgagor and the guarantors (above mentioned names), demanding to pay an amount of **Rs. 40,26,549.90 (Rupees Forty lakhs Twenty six thousand five hundred forty nine and Paise Ninty Only)** and interest stated thereon within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

Since, the Borrowers / Firm, the mortgagors and the Guarantor (above mentioned names) having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said demand notices, the Authorized Officer under Section 13(4) of the Act had taken symbolic/Physical possession of the secured assets described in the Possession Notice dated **09-09-2025**. Further, the said symbolic/ Physical possession notice was duly published in **THE HINDU and UDAYAKALA (Bangalore), on 10-09-2025.**

To comply with the provision of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI Rules, you all are hereby given a last and final opportunity to redeem and reclaim the secured assets, which are in possession of the secured creditor, within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, by discharging the liability of **40,85,296.90 (Rupees Forty Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninty Six and Paise Ninty Only) as on 15-09-2025.** plus subsequent interest, costs and expenses in full, failing which the sale notice under the Act will be published in the newspaper specifying one of the following modes mentioned below, to sell the secured assets:

i. By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwise interested in buying assets; or
ii. By inviting tenders from the public; or
iii. By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or
iv. By private treaty.

As per Section 13(8) of the Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in Newspapers, failing which your Right to redeem the mortgaged property as per Section 13(8) of the Act shall stand extinguished.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the subject Act/ or any other law in force.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 15.09.2025

Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

LOS ANGELES

Robert Redford, a cinema great in front of and behind camera, dead

AP

Cinema legend Robert Redford, a screen great both in front of and behind the camera whose career spanned six decades, died early on Tuesday morning at his home in Utah. He was 89. Redford died in his sleep. He is also credited with co-founding the flagship Sundance festival for aspiring independent filmmakers. AFP

PROVO

Suspect in Charlie Kirk's killing is formally charged with murder

REUTERS

The suspect in the murder of U.S. conservative political activist Charlie Kirk has been formally charged with his murder, prosecutors in Utah announced on Tuesday. Authorities said 22-year-old Tyler Robinson used a rifle to shoot Kirk with a single bullet to the neck from a rooftop. He was arrested after a 33-hour manhunt. AFP

MANILA

Filipino injured in water cannon attack by Chinese Coast Guard

AP

The Philippines said one person was injured on Tuesday in a water cannon attack by a China Coast Guard vessel near a disputed shoal in the South China Sea. Two Chinese ships used water cannons while in pursuit of the *BRP Datu Gumbay Piang* as it delivered rations to Filipino fishermen near the Scarborough Shoal. AFP

WASHINGTON

U.S. 'knocked off' three boats off Venezuela in total, says Trump

REUTERS

U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday said his country "knocked off" three boats in total off Venezuela, a day after he confirmed a second U.S. strike on alleged drug trafficking craft in the region. "We knocked off actually three boats not two, but you saw two," he told reporters at the White House before heading to the U.K. AFP

'Gaza is burning,' says Israel as new ground attack begins; thousands flee

Israeli forces have carried out multiple large-scale raids into Gaza City over the course of the war, causing displacement and heavy destruction, only to see militants regroup later; this time, Israel has vowed to take control of the city of over 1 million

Associated Press
JERUSALEM

The Israeli military began its ground offensive in Gaza City on Tuesday, slowly closing in on the Palestinian territory's largest city in another escalation in the war. Thousands of people streamed out of the city in vehicles laden with their belongings, but hundreds of thousands more remain.

The conflict has already decimated much of the Gaza Strip and roiled West Asia for nearly two years, and the new operation likely pushes any ceasefire farther out of reach.

Forced exodus: Palestinians flee northern Gaza towards the south on Wednesday due to an Israeli military operation. REUTERS

Defence Minister Israel Katz declared that "Gaza is burning" as the operation began, and heavy bombardment battered the city overnight and into the morning.

Israeli forces have carried out multiple large-scale raids into Gaza City over the course of the war, causing mass displacement and heavy destruction, only to see militants regroup later. This time, Israel has vowed to seize the city.

Long lines of cars and trucks strapped with mattresses and other belongings stretched down Gaza's coastal road, as people fled the city. Some crowded on top of vehicles, while others made their way on foot.

The EU warned on Tuesday that Israel's ground assault on Gaza City will add to the toll of death and destruction, and worsen an already "catastrophic" humanitarian situation in the territory.

Spain will boycott next year's Eurovision Song Contest if Israel takes part, public broadcaster RTVE, which is charged with selecting the country's entry for the event, said.

While other European nations have threatened to pull out of the contest, Spain is the first of the so-called "big five" nations which provide the most funding for the event to do so. An estimated 1 million Palestinians were living in the Gaza City region before warnings to evacuate began ahead of the offensive, and the Israeli military estimates 350,000 people have left the city.

Zelenskyy calls for EU air defence system as Russian strike injures 20 in Ukraine

Associated Press
KYIV

Russian forces bombarded the southern Ukrainian city of Zaporizhzhia with rockets overnight, injuring 20 people, including four children, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Tuesday as he urged European leaders to make the continent safe by building an ambitious air defence umbrella.

With the war grinding on since Russia's full-scale invasion of its neighbour more than three-and-a-half years ago, there has been no let-up in Russian strikes on civilian areas of Ukraine and its Army's push on the roughly 1,000-km front line.

A settlement to end the war appears to be no closer despite months of U.S.-led peace efforts. U.S. President Donald Trump's ultimatums and deadlines for Mr. Putin to engage with proposals to stop the fighting have passed without obvious consequences.

Just over the past two weeks, Mr. Zelenskyy said on Telegram, Russia has launched more than 3,500 drones, more than 2,500 powerful glide bombs and almost 200 missiles at targets inside Ukraine.

"Now is the time to implement the joint protection of our European skies with a multilayered air defence system. All the technologies for this are available," Mr. Zelenskyy said on Telegram. "We need investments and desire, we need strong actions and decisions from all our partners."

Men at work: Officials extinguish a fire at the site of a drone attack in the Fastiv district of the Kyiv region on Tuesday. AFP

Zaporizhzhia strike

In Zaporizhzhia, the Russian barrage struck more than 20 apartment buildings, starting fires, regional head Ivan Fedorov said on national television.

"We had not yet recovered from enemy strikes on August 30. We are currently repairing those buildings, those windows, but now the enemy has added more work for our municipal workers," Mr. Fedorov said.

Russia also hit a civilian logistics centre in the Kyiv region, Mr. Zelenskyy said. He also posted on Telegram a video of a Russian drone striking the northeastern city of Kharkiv, where officials said that four persons were wounded as the National Pharmaceutical University in the city center was hit.

Mr. Zelenskyy repeated his appeal for countries to tighten their economic sanctions on Russia.

"The only reason Russia can allow all this is that it doesn't feel any pain," Mr. Zelenskyy wrote on social media. "Until Russia experiences truly severe losses – above all economic ones – it will avoid genuine diplomacy and an end to the war."

Ukraine's General Staff said on Tuesday that the armed forces struck an oil refinery in the Saratov region of western Russia during the night. Explosions and a fire were reported at the facility, the General Staff said on its Facebook page.

Taliban ban WiFi in Afghan province to 'prevent immorality'

Associated Press
JALALABAD

The Taliban leader banned fibre optic Internet in an Afghan province to "prevent immorality," a spokesman for the administration said Tuesday.

It's the first time a ban of this kind has been imposed since the Taliban seized power in August 2021, and leaves government offices, the private sector, public institutions, and homes in northern Balkh province without WiFi Internet. Mobile Internet remains functional, however.

Haji Attaullah Zaid, a provincial government spokesman, said there was no longer cable Internet access in Balkh by order of a "complete ban" from the leader Hibatullah Akhundzada.

'Alternative upcoming'

"This measure was taken to prevent immorality, and an alternative will be built within the country for necessities," Zaid said.

He gave no further information, including why Balkh was chosen for the ban or if the shutdown would spread to other provinces.

Afghan authorities sometimes suspend the mobile phone network for security reasons, usually during religious festivals, to prevent detonations of explosive devices.

China asks U.S., Japan to roll back Typhon missile system

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

China urged Tokyo and Washington on Tuesday to withdraw the U.S.-developed Typhon missile system, after it was unveiled in Japan for the first time during joint military exercises.

Japan and the U.S. began the "Resolute Dragon" military drills on Thursday, and they will last until September 25, Tokyo's Defence Ministry said on X.

Japan's Self-Defence Forces confirmed that the missile system had been showcased for the first time in the country over the course of the exercises, though it said the weapon would not be fired.

Beijing's Foreign Ministry on Tuesday called on the U.S. and Japan to "promptly withdraw" the missile system.

"The U.S. and Japan, disregarding China's solemn concerns, have insisted on deploying the Typhon mid-range missile system in Japan under the pretext of joint exercises," spokesman Lin Jian said. "China expresses strong dissatisfaction and firm opposition to this," he added.

The U.S.' Typhon missile system is part of the Army's long-range precision strike "modernisation portfolio".

The Typhon, a ground-launched missile system, on display as part of Exercise Resolute Dragon in Japan on Monday. REUTERS

'JeM chief's family torn into pieces in Indian strikes'

Press Trust of India
LAHORE

A Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) commander has admitted that the family of the terror group's chief Masood Azhar was "torn into pieces" in the Indian missile strikes on May 7 on the outfit's headquarters in Bahawalpur, Pakistan.

In a video on YouTube, JeM commander Ilyas Kashmiri can be heard fuming over the Indian attack and also bragging about fighting in neighbouring countries for Pakistan. Those killed included Azhar's elder sister and her husband, a nephew and his wife, another niece, and five children from his extended family.

Donald Trump files $15 billion defamation lawsuit against *NYT*

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump filed a $15 billion defamation lawsuit against the *New York Times* on Monday, accusing the outlet of a "decades-long pattern" of smears driven by feelings of "actual malice."

Mr. Trump, 79, has intensified his hostility toward the media since his return to the White House, repeatedly badmouthing journalists critical of his administration, restricting access and bringing lawsuits.

The *Times* reported last week that Mr. Trump had threatened legal action against it in relation to its articles on a lewd birthday note allegedly given to sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Mr. Trump has denied authoring the note.

"*The New York Times* has been allowed to freely lie, smear, and defame me for far too long, and that stops, NOW!" he wrote on his Truth Social platform.

The lawsuit also named four *New York Times* reporters and the publisher Penguin Random House as defendants, according to an 85-page complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for Florida's Middle District.

"The Book and Articles are part of a decades-long pattern by the *New York Times* of intentional and malicious defamation against President Trump," read the complaint.

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E-procurement Tender Call Notice No.14 of 2025-26
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The Chief Construction Engineer, Central (R&B) Circle Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids for one number Buildng work to be received in online bidding, double cover system for Improvement works as detailed in:**https://tendersodisha.gov.in.** The details of bid documents will be available in the above website **from 5.00 P.M. of 18.09.2025 to 5.00 P.M of 03.10.2025**. The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III. Bids received online shall be opened **at 5.30 P.M of 03.10.2025** in the Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, Central (R&B) Circle, Bhubaneswar.
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5.	KKRTC/2025-26/ IND0152	Procurement of PCTR & Allied Materials	Rs. 12.26 Crores	13.10.2025 at 15:00 hrs.

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WEST INDIES SQUAD

Chanderpaul, Athanaze recalled for Test series against India

FILE PHOTO

The West Indies squad for the two-Test series in India: Roston Chase (Capt.), Jomel Warrican (Vice-capt.), Kevlon Anderson, Alick Athanaze, John Campbell, Tagenarine Chanderpaul, Justin Greaves, Shai Hope (wk), Tevin Imlach, Alzarri Joseph, Shamar Joseph, Brandon King, Anderson Phillip, Khary Pierre, Jayden Seales.

SWING FACTOR

Big boost for Women in Blue as Renuka is fit and ready

SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The Women in Blue have missed the swing of Renuka Singh. She has returned to the Indian team, but did not play in the first ODI against Australia. "She is fully fit," all-rounder Deepti Sharma said at a press conference ahead of the second ODI. That is good news for India, which is trying to get things right ahead of the World Cup.

DOMINANT PERFORMANCE

Blue Colts thump Maldives 6-0 in SAFF u-17 championship

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The India u-17 men's team began its SAFF u-17 championship campaign with a 6-0 win over Maldives in a Group-B game in Colombo on Tuesday. Dallalmuon Gangte (12, 68-pen), Hrishikesh Manavathi (29), Kamgouhao Doungel (49), Wangkheirakpam Gunleiba (58), and Aazim Parveez (86) scored for the Blue Colts.

BACK IN IT

Devank and Ashish star as Warriorz end losing streak

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bengal Warriorz turned the tables on UP Yoddhas to script a 41-37 win in a PKL 12 match in Jaipur on Tuesday. Led by skipper Devank Dalal's sixth consecutive Super 10 and Ashish's High Five, Warriorz returned to winning ways after four straight losses. Tamil Thalaivas beat Bengaluru Bulls 35-29 in the second match of the day.

Pakistan team cancels pre-match press meet

ASIA CUP

Vivek Krishnan
DUBAI

The intrigue over Pakistan's fixture against the United Arab Emirates in Group-A of the Asia Cup intensified as it cancelled its customary pre-match media interaction less than an hour before its scheduled 7.30 p.m. start on Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, the International Cricket Council is understood to have rejected the Pakistan Cricket Board's demand to remove match referee Andy Pycroft from the remainder of the tournament. After India's players did not shake hands with their Pakistani counterparts before or after a seven-wicket win, the PCB had sent a complaint to the ICC on Monday alleging that the "match referee had asked the captains not to shake hands at the time of the toss".

If Pakistan had gone ahead with the press conference on the eve of the must-win game against the UAE, a number of questions would have revolved around the furore involving Pycroft. But Salman Agha's men chose to evade such a scenario.

Pycroft stays on

At 8 p.m., the Pakistan players did turn up for a net session at the ICC Academy even as the Indian team trained at the adjacent ground. As things stand, Pycroft is the match referee for the clash between Pakistan and the UAE. In a post on X on Monday, PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi had said: "The PCB has lodged a complaint with the ICC regarding violations by the Match Referee of the ICC Code of Conduct and the MCC Laws pertaining to the Spirit of Cricket. The PCB has demanded an immediate removal of the Match Referee from the Asia Cup."

Today's match

UAE vs. Pakistan

Dubai, 8 p.m. IST

HEAD-TO-HEAD T20Is

Played: 3

UAE 0 | Pakistan 3

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Indians train hard

Meanwhile, it was business as usual for the Indian team at the ICC Academy as all the players turned up for a high-intensity training session ahead of Friday's game against Oman in Abu Dhabi. The evening began with the players loosening up with some stretching and sprinting exercises. Once the nets began, the focus was notably on the middle-order batters getting a good workout. In India's wins against the UAE and Pakistan, modest targets meant that much of the batting unit wasn't really tested.

The likes of Tilak Varma, Sanju Samson, Rinku Singh, Jitesh Sharma and Axar Patel went about finding their rhythm with long stints.

Suryakumar pulls his weight both as a batter and captain

Besides showing poise on the field, he also stepped up for the post-match media formalities and cordially explained his team's position on not shaking hands with the Pakistan players

Vivek Krishnan
DUBAI

Back among the runs: Suryakumar ended his lean patch during the match against Pakistan. AP

Since the conclusion of India's seven-wicket victory over Pakistan in the Asia Cup, Suryakumar Yadav's walk straight back to the changing room, alongside Shivam Dube, without exchanging handshakes with the opposition has garnered more attention than the cricketing action that unfolded on a sultry Sunday evening.

Larger scheme of things

Amid all the commotion of the last 48 hours, the significance of Suryakumar's unbeaten 47 off 37 deliveries in the larger scheme of things is that it halts a lean stretch of form.

For, this was just the third instance of the 35-year-old crossing 40 since he took over as captain in July 2024 in the wake of the T20 World Cup triumph.

In his last eight innings coming into the Asia Cup, his highest score was 21.

In 17 matches as India skipper, his tally reads 312 runs at a paltry average of 22.28. If his recent record for India had stood out like a sore thumb, it was also because his run before taking over the reins was altogether sublime.

Particularly considering the stakes against Pakistan, the genial Mumbaikar kept some of his patented shots behind the wicket in the locker and simply got the job done.

"If you play against any team, there is pressure of course. If you don't play under pressure, there is no fun," the India skipper said in a media interaction.

"Yes, the numbers are up and down, but what can you do? It's a game. You have to try to get better. Even today, if something goes up and down, it's okay. But I liked it. The way I finished the match, it was important to stay there."

Besides showing poise on the field, he also stepped up for the post-match media formalities and cordially explained his team's position on not shaking hands with Pakistan's players before or after the game.

Going into next year's T20 World Cup where the pressure will be firmly on India to defend the title,

Suryakumar's wherewithal to handle thorny matters will be important. In India's two games at this event, Suryakumar strode out at No. 3 regardless of who in the left-right opening combination of Abhishek Sharma and Shubman Gill was dismissed.

But he reiterated that nobody in the middle-order is fixated about a particular spot.

"Everyone in the team, except for the openers, should be prepared to bat at any number. If you are flexible to bat anywhere, it becomes a very dangerous team," he said.

On a leash: Bangladesh kept Afghanistan in check. AP

Bangladesh stays alive with hard-fought win

Press Trust of India
ABU DHABI

Bangladesh beat Afghanistan by eight runs in a Group-B match to remain in contention for a place in the Super Four stage of the Asia Cup here on Tuesday.

Opener Tanzid Hasan Tamim blazed away to a 31-ball 52 before the Afghan bowlers restricted Bangladesh to 154 for five. In reply, Afghanistan was all out for 146 with Mustafizur Rahman (three for 28), Nasum Ahmed (two for 11), Rishad Hossain (two for 18) and Taskin Ahmed (two for 34) doing the maximum damage with the ball. Opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz top-scored for Afghanistan with 35 off 31 balls, while Azmatullah Omarzai smashed a 16-ball 30.

Batting first, Tanzid and Saif Hassan (30) put on 63 for the first wicket before Rashid Khan and Noor Ahmad halted the Bangladesh charge.

The scores: Bangladesh 154/5 in 20 overs (Saif Hassan 30, Tanzid Hasan Tamim 52, Rashid Khan 2/26, Noor Ahmad 2/23) bt Afghanistan 146 in 20 overs (Rahmanullah Gurbaz 35, Azmatullah Omarzai 30, Nasum Ahmed 2/11, Taskin Ahmed 2/34, Mustafizur Rahman 3/28, Rishad Hossain 2/18).

Toss: Bangladesh; **PoM:** Nasum.

Points table

GROUP A	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
India (Q)	2	2	0	4	4.793
Pakistan	2	1	1	2	1.649
UAE	2	1	1	2	-2.030
Oman	2	0	2	0	-3.375

GROUP B	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
Sri Lanka	2	2	0	4	1.546
Bangladesh	3	2	1	4	-0.270
Afghanistan	2	1	1	2	2.150
Hong Kong	3	0	3	0	-2.151

Q: Qualified

India needs to set the record straight

AUS IN INDIA

P.K. Ajith Kumar
NEW CHANDIGARH

The Women in Blue landed in India's first planned city last week in high spirits. They had made history in England in their last series, but if they had some plans for taming the mighty Australia in the refreshingly green Chandigarh, they didn't quite work in the first ODI.

Even a competitive total of 281 for seven proved like a walk in the lovely Chandigarh Golf course for the Aussies.

Need of the hour: India will also have to catch better than it did in the first ODI. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Losing streak

That was India's eighth defeat in a row to Australia in ODIs.

Harmanpreet Kaur's women should be desperate to set the record right in the second of the three-match series at the new PCA Stadium here on Wednesday. To do that, they will have to play a lot better.

In the first game, they had threatened to go past 300 for the first time against Australia, with the top three making fifties. India needed at least one of them to remain long enough at the wicket to help the side post a big total. Smriti Mandhana, Pratika Rawal and Harleen Deol should be regretting the way they got out.

Add Harmanpreet Kaur, Jemimah Rodrigues and Richa Ghosh, and you have a strong batting line-up that should pile up runs on tracks like this.

With India's opening match in the World Cup against Sri Lanka just a fortnight away, all its batters would be hoping to play some substantial knocks.

India will also need to catch better against a side that boasts of such quality, experienced batters as skipper Alyssa Healy, Beth Mooney, Ellyse Perry, Tahlia McGrath and Ashleigh Gardner and the young talents Phoebe Litchfield and Annabel Sutherland.

Litchfield hadn't started scoring when she was dropped, in just the second over. She went on to make 88 off 80 balls. She was hardly troubled by the Indian bowlers, nor were Mooney or Sutherland, who both made unbeaten half-centuries.

India's decision to play with four frontline spinners and just one seamer didn't work.

It would be interesting to see if Renuka Singh, the swing bowler who is returning from injury, will be making an appearance. Her last game for India was last December.

The teams (from):

India: Harmanpreet Kaur (Capt.), Smriti Mandhana, Pratika Rawal, Harleen Deol, Deepti Sharma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh, Arundhati Reddy, Kranti Gaud, Sayali Satghare, Radha Yadav, Renuka Singh, M. Shree Charani, Sneh Rana and Uma Chetry.

Australia: Alyssa Healy (Capt.), Tahlia McGrath, Nicole Faltum, Ashleigh Gardner, Kim Garth, Grace Harris, Alana King, Charli Knott, Phoebe Litchfield, Sophie Molineux, Beth Mooney, Ellyse Perry, Megan Schutt, Annabel Sutherland, Georgia Voll and Georgia Wareham.

Match starts at 1.30 p.m.

India not focusing on whether to shake hands with Pakistan during WC: Deepti

P.K. Ajith Kumar
NEW CHANDIGARH

It is not just the Asia Cup that features an India-Pakistan face-off. In the women's Cricket World Cup, too, the neighbouring rivals are scheduled to square off.

That match is going to be held in Colombo on October 5. When Deepti Sharma was asked, on the eve of the second women's ODI against Australia here, whether the players would refuse to shake hands with their Pakistani counterparts - like the men did in Dubai - she said she wasn't thinking about it at all.

Deepti. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

"That match is far away, and when it happens, we will see what to do," the spin-bowling all-rounder said on Tuesday. "We are not focusing on the Asia Cup at the moment... our focus is on this series."

India was outplayed by its formidable rival in the opening ODI, but Deepti expressed confidence that the team could bounce back in the series.

"We would rather take the positives away from the match, like the partnerships we had in our inning and the small things we were able to do well," she said. "And we don't think there is much of a gap between Australia and India. We always play to win."

Beth Mooney, who smashed an unbeaten 77 off 74 balls in the first ODI, said India had put Australia under pressure with the opening partnership.

"It took us a while to drag that momentum back, which we did with some amazing fielding by Phoebe Litchfield," she said. "There is no easy game in international cricket any more".

Apollo Tyres is Indian cricket teams' sponsor

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Apollo Tyres has been awarded the lead sponsorship rights for India's cricket teams on Tuesday.

The India team jerseys - men and women, senior and junior - will thus sport its logo for the next two-and-a-half years.

The Hindu understands that Apollo Tyres placed the highest bid of ₹579 crore among the three valid bidders.

It is also confirmed that the new deal will be in effect since the Women's ODI World Cup, starting September 30.

The other two interested companies were Canva (₹544 crore) and JK Tyres (₹477 crore).

The base price set by the BCCI was ₹3.5 crore and ₹1.5 crore for each match in bilateral and ICC tournaments, respectively.

The winning bid was for ₹4.5 crore (bilateral) and ₹1.72 crore (ICC event) per match. The BCCI was forced to float a tender following *Dream 11*'s withdrawal.

The fantasy gaming platform pulled out of the sponsorship deal after the Online Gaming Bill banned real money gaming through fantasy games.

INBRIEF

Espanyol gets the better of Mallorca in a five-goal thriller

Pere Milla scored and was sent off as Espanyol surrendered a two-goal lead before roaring back with a late penalty to defeat Mallorca 3-2 in a pulsating LaLiga encounter on Monday. The result left Espanyol unbeaten after four games and in joint-second place alongside Barcelona.

The results: Serie A: Como 1 (Paz 13) drew with Genoa 1 (Ekuban 90+2); Verona 0 drew with Cremonese 0.
LaLiga: Espanyol 3 (Milla 20, Fernandez 34, Garcia 81-pen) bt Mallorca 2 (V. Muriqi 45-pen, 65).

Priya gets into repechage round in World wrestling

World under-20 medallist Priya Malik (76kg) got a chance to go for a bronze medal in the World wrestling championships in Zagreb on Tuesday. Priya experienced a 2-4 reversal against Ecuador's Genesis Reasco, but qualified for the repechage when the latter secured a place in the final. Vaishnavi Patil (65kg) eliminated Latvia's Elma Zeidlere 3-1 before being pinned by Mongolia's Enkhjin Tuvshinjargal in the quarterfinals. Ankush (50kg) suffered a 5-6 loss to Natalia Varanika, and Tapsya Gahlawat (57kg) was tamed 2-4 by Bertha Chavez of Mexico. Sujeet Kalkal (65kg) was beaten 7-5 by USA's Real Woods, and Vicky (97kg) was defeated 4-0 by Bulgaria's Akhmed Magamaev in the repechage round to get out of the bronze medal race.

Late strike helps Ahal stun Mohun Bagan

Mohun Bagan Super Giant failed to rise to expectations as it went down by a solitary goal to Turkmenistan side Ahal FK in the opening Group-C fixture of the AFC Champions League 2 in Kolkata on Tuesday. Substitute Enver Annayev found the winner for Ahal in the 83rd minute as the visitor wrapped up the full points to leave the home team stunned. Mohun Bagan could barely reproduce the sharpness and fluidity in its attack that fetched it the ISL League Shield and the Cup a few months ago.

The result: Mohun Bagan SG 0 lost to Ahal FK 1 (Enver Annayev 83).

Ankita-Zhang pair loses to top seeds in ITF event

Ankita Raina and Ruien Zhang of China lost 1-6, 3-6 to top seeds Peangtarn Plipuech and Wushuang Zheng in doubles pre-quarterfinals of the $30,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Shenyang (China) on Tuesday.

The results:
$15,000 ITF men, Monastir: First round: John Echeverria (Esp) bt Chirag Duhan 6-0, 6-1.
$30,000 ITF women, Shenyang (China): Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Peangtarn Plipuech (Tha) & Wushuang Zheng (Chn) bt Ankita Raina & Ruien Zhang (Chn) 6-1, 6-3; Jia Yi Wang & Chenting Zhu (Chn) bt Riya Bhatia & Yiming Dang (Chn) 7-5, 4-6, [10-7].
$15,000 ITF women, Heraklion (Greece): Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Baylien Brown (USA) & Tanisha Kashyap bt Priyanka Alibhai (USA) & Agata Henke (Ger) 6-1, 6-2.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Olympiacos vs Pafos; Slavia Prague vs Bodo/Glimt *(both matches 10.15 p.m. IST, Wednesday).*
Ajax vs Inter Milan; Bayern Munich vs Chelsea; Liverpool vs Atletico Madrid; Paris Saint-Germain vs Atalanta *(all matches at 12.30 a.m., Thursday).*

Rakesh Singh's hat-trick powers Kickstart FC

Rakesh Singh's hat-trick powered Kickstart FC past Bangalore Dream United FC 3-0 in the KSFA Super Division football league in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

The results: FC Agniputhra 1 (S. Tiwari 57) drew with Parikrma 1 (M. Thang 50); Kickstart 3 (Rakesh Singh 54, 56, 90) bt Bangalore Dream United 0; Bangalore City 0 drew with BFC 0.

LIVE TELECAST

India Women vs Australia Women: 2nd ODI, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 1.30 p.m.
World Athletics Championships: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3.30 p.m.
Ireland vs England: 1st T20I, FanCode, 6 p.m.
Men's T20 Asia Cup: Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.
Champions League: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.15 p.m.; Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 5 & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

Kipyegon claims a record fourth title in 1,500m

Kiwi Kerr wins high jump gold while Kushare finishes a creditable sixth; Tinch clinches the men's 110m hurdles; Katzberg bags the hammer throw event with a new championship mark

ATHLETICS

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Home alone: Kipyegon shot out to the front of the pack in what turned out to be a true gun-to-tape performance. AP

Kenya's Faith Kipyegon produced a trademark devastating last lap to win an unprecedented fourth World women's 1,500 metres title in Tokyo on Tuesday.

The Kenyan, also three-time Olympic champion over the distance, timed 3min 52.15sec for another gold to add to her incredible medal haul that guarantees her place in the pantheon of the very best middle distance runners.

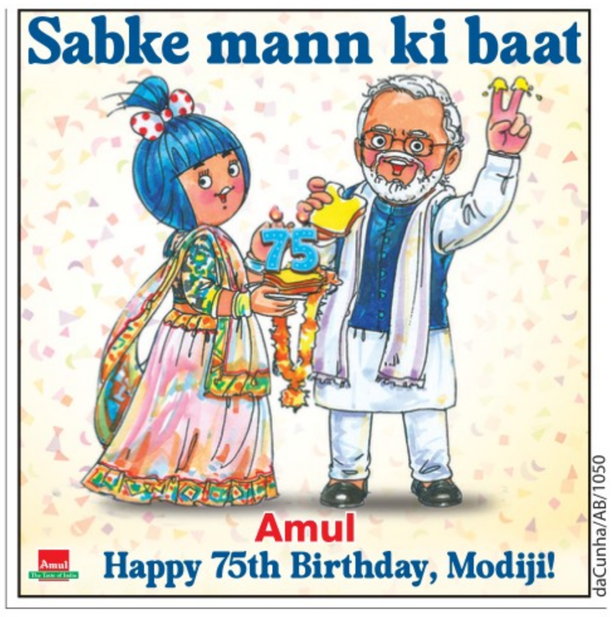
Her fourth World title matched the record held by Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj, who won the men's event between 1997 and 2003. Kipyegon's teammate Dorcus Ewoi took silver in 3:54.92, while Australian Jessica Hull claimed bronze (3:55.16).

American Cordell Tinch lived up to a fine season of form to win the men's 110m hurdles. Tinch clocked 12.99sec for gold ahead of the Jamaican duo of Orlando Bennett and Tyler Mason, who each timed personal bests of 13.08sec and 13.12sec respectively.

Hamish Kerr claimed New Zealand's second gold medal in two days when he won the men's high jump. Olympic champion Kerr managed a best of 2.36m for gold to follow up on Geordie Beamish's shock victory in the men's 3,000m steeplechase on Monday. South Korea's Sanghyeok Woo claimed silver with a best of 2.34. Czech Jan Stefela took bronze with 2.31 on countback from Ukraine's Oleh. India's Sarvesh Kushare finished a creditable sixth with a personal best of 2.28m, a mere centimeter short of the national record set by Tejaswini Shankar in 2018.

Canada's Ethan Katzberg claimed a third global hammer title in three years with a massive 84.70m throw for a championship record.

Germany's Merlin Hummel took the silver with a personal best of 82.77. Hungary's Bence Halasz added a third World bronze to his collection with an effort of 82.69m.



Neeraj Chopra to begin title defence against strong field

High-stakes: All eyes would be on Neeraj as he faces a litmus test. REUTERS

Press Trust of India
TOKYO

India's javelin superstar Neeraj Chopra will begin his World Championship title defence with the qualification round here on Wednesday, taking on a blockbuster field that also features Olympic gold-winning Arshad Nadeem of Pakistan and Diamond League champion Julian Weber of Germany.

Neeraj will aim to become the third male javelin thrower in history to defend the World Championships gold he had won in 2023 edition in Budapest.

Czech legend Jan Zelezny (1993, 1995), who is now Neeraj's coach, and Anderson Peters (2019, 2022) of Grenada are the other two who have won the world championships crown on two consecutive occasions.

Neeraj is set to face Nadeem for the first time after the 2024 Paris Olympics, giving him a chance to avenge his second-place finish in the French capital.

The Neeraj-Nadeem clash will, however, not happen on Wednesday as the two rivals have been placed in two different groups in the qualifying round. They are expected to clash in the final round on Thursday.

It would be a historic competition for India as Sachin Yadav, Yashvir Singh and Rohit Yadav will join Neeraj on the field, the biggest number among competing countries in the event.

Neeraj has been handed a wild card as defending champion while the other three made the cut through world rankings.

Madhav's five-for helps KSCA Secretary's gain first-innings lead

THIMMAPPIAH MEMORIAL

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Waging a lone battle: Shardul's 77 was not enough to take Mumbai near to the KSCA Secretary's XI total. K. MURALI KUMAR

Left-arm spinner Madhav Bajaj (5/61) helped KSCA Secretary's XI gain the first-innings lead against Mumbai CA on the second day of their KSCA-Dr. (Capt.) K. Thimmappiah Memorial tournament match at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Tuesday.

Batting at eight, Shardul Thakur (77, 96b, 7x4, 4x6) produced a counterattacking knock for Mumbai CA. KSCA Secretary's XI ended the day with an overall lead of 186 runs.

Shikhar scalps sevent

At Mysuru, spinner Shikhar Shetty (7/86) starred for KSCA XI against Baroda CA. KSCA conceded the first-innings lead, but produced a good display in the second essay to move to 298 for two.

The scores:

At Bengaluru: Assam CA 153 & 152/7 in 56 overs (Denish Das 62) vs Gujarat CA 244 in 57.1 overs (Abhishek Desai 76 n.o.).
KSCA Secretary's XI 280 in 94.3 overs (Lochan Gowda 48, Dheeraj Gowda 45, A. Abhishek 52) & 88/3 in 30 overs (Faizan Khan 42 batting) vs Mumbai CA 182 in 48.2 overs (Shardul Thakur 77, Madhav Bajaj 5/61).
Maharashtra CA 404 in 109.2 overs (Prithvi Shaw 40, Digvijay Patil 106, Saurabh Nawale 56, S. Kazi 77 n.o., S. Deshmukh 5/56) vs Vidarbha CA 192/3 in 53 overs (Atharva Taide 91).
Goa CA 165 & 198/7 in 68 overs (M. Khutkar 60, Lalit Yadav 42 batting, Shreesha Achar 4/58) vs KSCA President's XI 97 in 46.3 overs (Darshan Misal 4/29).
Madhya Pradesh 276 in 92.4 overs (Harsh Gawli 50, Harshit Yadav 53, Arshad Khan 54) vs Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh 245/8 in 81 overs (Rishabh Tiwari 68, Ashutosh Singh 54, C. Shashank 74 batting).
KSCA XI 270 vs Tripura CA 246/6 in 92 overs (Bikram Kumar 51, Ghosh Roy 42).
At Mysuru: Andhra CA 87 & 198/1 in 43 overs (C.R. Gnaneswar 50, Abhishek Reddy 98 batting, Hemanth Reddy 40 batting) vs Himachal Pradesh CA 455 in 105.1 overs (S. Purohit 50, Ekant Sen 178, Naveen Kanwar 45, M. Anjaneyulu 7/143).
KSCA XI 184 & 298/2 in 69 overs (Prakhar Chaturvedi 76, S. Toufeeq 50, Harshil 94 batting, Aneeshwar Gautam 73 batting) vs Baroda CA 209 in 59 overs (Vishnu Solanki 48, Shikhar Shetty 7/86).

Konstas slams a century for Australia-A

Sahil Mathur
LUCKNOW

Sam Konstas is quite a character. On his maiden visit to India, the 19-year-old opener stayed true to his unorthodox ways, attempting a reverse scoop off just his fifth delivery in the opening over.

Two hours later, he charged down the track to off-spinner Tanush Kotian and launched him over long-on. Before the ball had even landed, Konstas had his helmet off and arms raised, celebrating a century off just 122 balls.

His adventurous 109, in tandem with Campbell Kellaway's fluent 88 (97 balls), gave Australia-A the perfect launchpad on a roller-coaster opening day of the first unofficial Test against India-A at the Ekana Cricket Stadium here on Tuesday.

The scores: Australia-A 337/5 in 73 overs (Sam Konstas 109, Campbell Kellaway 88, Cooper Connolly 70, Liam Scott 47 batting, Harsh Dubey 3/88) vs India-A.

Sindhu overcomes first-round hurdle

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SHENZHEN

India's P.V. Sindhu overcame the first-round hurdle, defeating Julie Dawall Jakobsen of Denmark 21-4, 21-10 to advance to the women's pre-quarterfinals of the China Masters Super 750 on Wednesday.

Ayush Shetty lost his opening-round match to sixth seed Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei 19-21, 21-12, 16-21. The mixed doubles pair of Ruthvika Gadde and Rohan Kapoor, too, bowed out after a 17-21, 11-21 defeat afainst Yuichi Shimogami and Sayaka Hobara of Japan.

A handshake is just that, but one avoided is a lesson in cynicism

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

There is no rule which says that captains must shake hands at the toss in a cricket match. Just as there is no rule which says that captains must not punch each other in the face. Yet, sportsmen do the former (and not the latter) because that is the civilised thing to do.

To walk off at the end of a game ignoring the opposition is churlish. If the spirit of sport must take a backseat when a dastardly attack on innocent people is involved as India's captain said, then have the guts to go the whole hog and refuse to play Pakistan anywhere.

Pakistan haven't come up smelling of roses either. Their plea to sack the match referee is, like the Indian team's gesture, meant to appease the constituency back home. Governments want to have their cake and eat it too. It is to the advantage of politicians on either side to keep the kettle boiling. Hypocrisy is thus built into the relationship.

Poor skipper Suryakumar Yadav, a gentleman cricketer. He had to come across as boorish and ill-mannered because his government which finds it more convenient to deal in symbolism than in forthrightness, didn't want to get its hands dirty. It is politics as performative art.

For some years now it has seemed as if multi-team tournaments - the World Cups, Champions Trophy, Asia Cup - are held so India can play Pakistan twice each time, if not thrice. They are placed in the same group, likely to qualify for the next group, and if the prayers of the television gods are answered, meet in the final too.

Part of the entertainment lies in the way television anchors get apoplexy in the build-up.

This time one such, overwound by the powers, frothed at the mouth while appealing to the likes of Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid to boycott the match. Haven't you made enough money, he asked of Sourav Ganguly, so why don't you take on the Board of Control for Cricket in India? It was hilarious. And pathetic.

As he would have known, it is not the players past or current who decide if India play Pakistan. It is not even the Board of Control for Cricket in India, which in recent years has been an arm of the government anyway, but the government itself which gives the green signal. Still, when fake nationalisms clash, it is safest to pounce on individuals. In any case, surely a government that has taken credit for ending the continuing war in Ukraine can decide whether or not to play in a cricket tournament.

Tendulkar can safely ignore the rant of His Masters Voice, but the Indian skipper can't go against the wishes of the governing body which thought up the wheeze of leaving hands unshaken, and eyes uncontacted. That way the cricket fans get their India-Pakistan match, and the bhakts have the symbolism to cheer.

If India win – as they are likely to – further symbolism can be poured into the contest; some anchor somewhere might even tell us that beating Pakistan in a cricket match is compensation for losing a relative in the Pahalgam attack. Comparing apples and oranges is a television specialty.

India have participated in sporting boycotts before. For decades they didn't meet South Africa in any sport owing to that country's policy of apartheid. In 1974, they forfeited the Davis Cup tennis final rather than play South Africa. Whether India should boycott Pakistan or not is not the burden of this column; official cynicism is.

Pakistan know that regardless of how the loudmouths feel, India will find a way to play against them, even if they themselves have to swallow various insults, from shifts in venues to missing handshakes. Their cricket can't do without India. The reverse is not even remotely true. India don't need Pakistan except as a convenient 'other' and as a necessary cog in the wheel of television's most profitable rivalry. India's Pakistan policy in cricket might not be the most honest, but it has been lucrative, and celebrated as a happy compromise.

Next time, let Suryakumar Yadav shake hands, and regain some dignity. A young generation looking to sport for idealism and optimism is growing up cynical and jaded.